Honeywell Sees Win for Consumer in German Type Certification Requirement for Replacement Turbos

German drivers susceptible to potential fines and suspension of driving privileges for using underperforming, non-certified auto replacement parts including turbochargers

ROLLE, Switzerland – May 19, 2015 – Honeywell (NYSE: HON) Transportation Systems supports the recent opinion issued by the German Federal Department of Transportation (BMVI) to include turbochargers among those auto parts requiring type certification as a means of enforcing environmental and safety targets, which can be compromised by non-genuine aftermarket parts.

The BMVI said that a drop-in turbo that is not OE specified requires a specific parts certification or vehicle inspection including passing of emissions testing -- an important message for garages and installers as they consider their recommendations to customers.

A replacement part that does not match to certain emissions and safety standards -- which is what the BMVI is presuming for non-genuine copy or non-original remanufactured turbochargers -- may result in fines and penalties in line with the BMVI’s regulations for aftermarket parts. This can include the automobile losing driving permissions on public roads and fines up to a maximum of 270€. In addition, both the vehicle owner and the driver may receive one point in the central register.

“Non-genuine turbochargers can cause serious problems for the garage and its end customer,” said Olivier Rabiller, Honeywell Transportation Systems vice president and general manager Business Development, High Growth Regions and Aftermarket. “This action underscores the important role turbochargers play in helping to meet more and more stringent emissions and energy efficiency targets”.

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“Installers are taking a big risk for themselves as well as their customers when you consider the cost of repetitive warranty repairs or the price customers pay for inefficient engine performance leading to poor fuel economy or emission issues.”

Other countries are expected to follow Germany’s lead and increase focus on turbochargers by name as being emissions and safety relevant engine components which may not be freely exchanged by non-originally certified parts.

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