

Finland « Speed-limited cars »: a measure non compliant with Directive 2006/126

The Industry position in a nutshell:

- Creating a « national » category close to « agricultural tractor » does not transform a car into an agricultural vehicle.
- The **Driving License Directive art.4.4** definition is clear: a « vehicle » remains a « motor vehicle » unless its main function is to perform « agricultural/forestry work »
- **A « T-cat speed limited car » is still a « motor vehicle » which can only be driven with a B licence.**

The propose measure in details

Content: “*creation of speed-limited cars.*

- *category T vehicles converted from passenger cars (M1)*
- *speed is limited to 45 kmH*
- *AM licence would suffice for driving speed-limited cars.”*

Details:

- *Converted M1 to be reclassified as T1 (new group under T1)*
- *Limits:*
 - *M1 from 2014 onwards only*
 - *10 years old maximum*
 - *1500 kg unladen mass maximum (no limit for electric cars)*

Envisaged process:

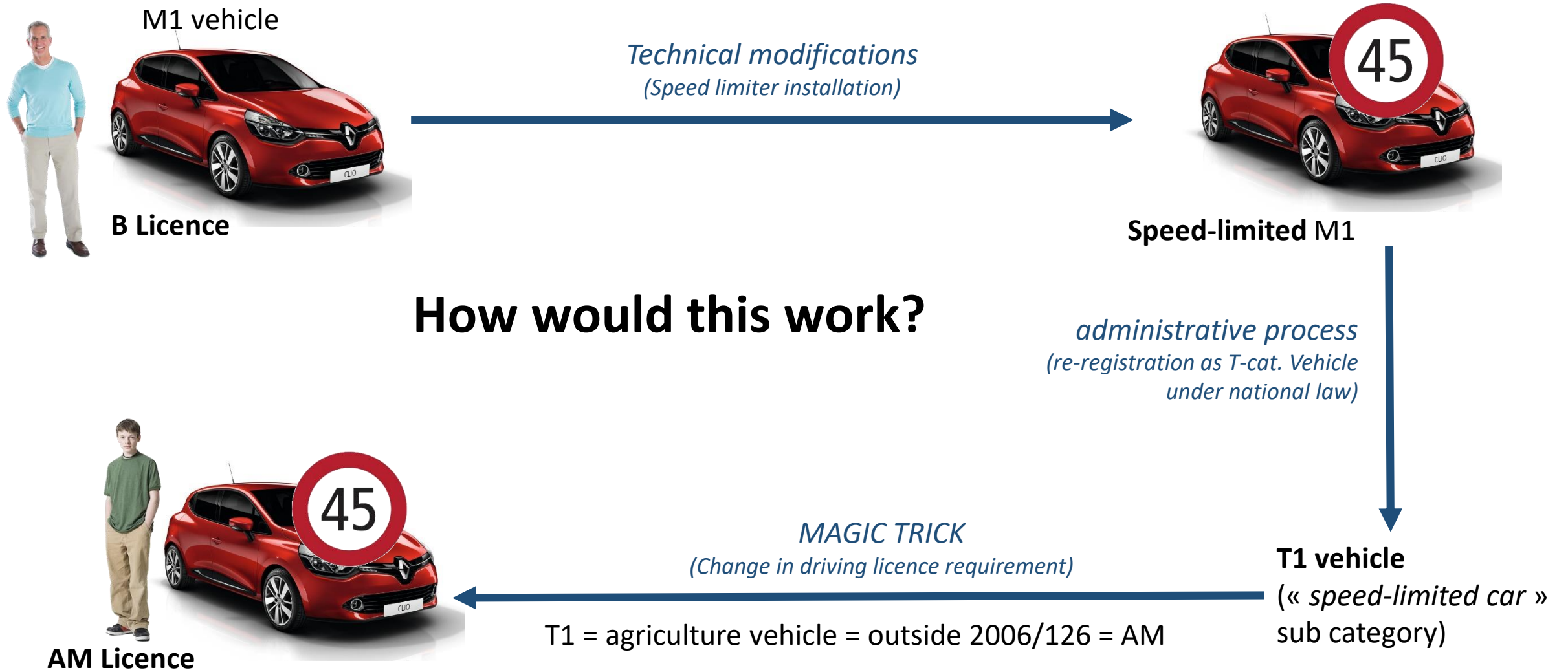
Step 1: *“Convert an M1 into a speed-limited car”*

→ **No provision how to?** (technical details? Anti-tampering?)

Step 2: *“Inspection (e.g. MOT) to ensure that a speed-limited car meets the requirements of age, speed limitation and unladen weight of a road worthy vehicle.”*

→ **No provisions how to?** (technical details? Environmental performance? Safety? Construction requirements? Warranty? Liability?)

Process overview



Directive 2006-126

- Article 4-2 : AM driving licence is valid only for vehicles which does not exceed 425 kg (mass in running order), 6 kW and 45 km/h
- Article 4-4: tractor is a “motor vehicles” except if it fulfills with agricultural or forestry tractor definition
- In the finnish situation, a speed limited cars don't comply with this definition
- A speed limited car remains a motor vehicle, for which a B driving licence is mandatory

ANNEX

Regulation 167/2013 (T-category type-approval framework)

Article 3 (definitions)

(8) ‘tractor’ means any motorised, wheeled or tracked **agricultural or forestry vehicle** having at least two axles and a maximum design speed of not less than 6 km/h, the **main function of which lies in its tractive power** and which has been **especially designed to pull, push, carry and actuate certain interchangeable equipment designed to perform agricultural or forestry work, or to tow agricultural or forestry trailers or equipment**; it may be adapted to carry a load in the context of agricultural or forestry work and/or may be equipped with one or more passenger seats;