

## **BLOCK EXEMPTION REGULATION 1400/2002**

### ***What is the Block Exemption Regulation No. 1400/2002?***

The Block Exemption Regulation aims to improve the competition in the automotive repair market. It does this by giving motorists more freedom to choose who should repair and service their vehicles, without invalidating the manufacturer's warranty.

The regulation introduced two classifications of parts, "Original Spare Parts" (OSP) and (Matching Quality Spare Parts" (MQSP).

### ***What are Original Spare Parts (OSP)?***

"Original Spare Parts" are parts which are of the same quality as the components used for the assembly of new vehicles. This means the parts are manufactured according to the specifications and production standards set by the car maker. The term also includes spare parts manufactured in the same manufacturing line as these parts.

The BER subsection 1(t) states "...It is presumed, unless the contrary is proven, that parts constitute original spare parts if the part manufacturer certifies that the parts match the quality of the components used for the assembly of the vehicle in question and have been manufactured according to the specifications and production standards of the vehicle manufacturer."

"Original Spare Parts" is defined in the B.E.R. 1400/2002 subsection 1(t).

### ***What are "Matching Quality Spare Parts" (MQSP)?***

"Matching Quality Spare Parts" are parts that are manufactured to match the quality of those components used for the assembly of the vehicles concerned. The company who manufactures these parts can certify this at any moment.

"Matching Quality Spare Parts" is defined in the B.E.R. 1400/2002 subsection 1(u).

### ***How do I know if the part I am ordering is classified as OSP or MQSP?***

We have created an instantly recognizable logo that identifies parts as being OSP or MQSP. OSP parts are also categorised as 'OES' whereas MQSP are also categorised as 'Alternative' or 'Certified'. Both types of parts are self-certified under Block Exemption Regulation, but our certified items have also been tested by an external certification body.

If you are placing an order through our website or using our online catalogue, you will see this logo on our OSP and MQSP parts. If you are ordering over the phone, just ask your salesperson if the part is certified.

