



Positive Result for European Caravaning

ECF projection shows overall growth in registrations of recreational vehicles in 2006.

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The projection for the year 2006 by the European Caravan Federation, ECF, once again shows an increase in registrations of recreational vehicles in Europe. The European umbrella organization estimates a year-to-year growth of 2.6 percent. Within that figure, the vehicle categories of caravans and motor caravans show contrary developments. While the market for caravans shows an estimated decline of 1.3 percent to a level of roughly 119,100 new registrations, the ECF projects show an increase of the motor caravan market by 8.4 percent to more than 90,200 vehicles. In all, according to the ECF projections, 209,300 vehicles have been newly registered in the year 2006.

“For the year 2007, the ECF projects a stabilization of caravan registrations and a continued growth in the number of motor caravan registrations of around five percent. As a whole, the European caravan market will continue to show modest growth,” explained Hans-Karl Sternberg, the General Secretary of the European Caravan Federation, ECF.

Once again, the three countries accounting for the strongest growth in new caravan registrations were Great Britain, Germany, and the Netherlands. For the first time, France took first place in permits for new motor caravans, ahead of Germany and Italy. Final figures for the numbers of newly registered caravans and motor caravans in 2006 will be available in the beginning of March, 2007.

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