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EUROPEAN AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENTING THE CONVENTION
ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS
OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT VIENNA ON 8 NOVEMBER 1968

CONCLUDED AT GENEVA ON 1 MAY 1971

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY BELGIUM

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The Government of Belgium, in accordance with paragraph 1 of article 6 of the above-mentioned Agreement, has proposed certain amendments to the Agreement.

A copy of the English, French and Russian texts of the proposed amendments, which were adopted by the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe at its fifty-fifth session including an explanatory memorandum (doc.ECE/TRANS/92/Rev.2), is transmitted herewith.

In this connection, it is recalled that the procedure for the amendment of the Agreement is set forth in said article 6, which in its entirety reads as follows:

"1. After this Agreement has been in force for twelve months, any Contracting Party may propose one or more amendments to the Agreement. The text of any proposed amendment, accompanied by an explanatory memorandum, shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General, who shall communicate it to all Contracting Parties. The Contracting Parties shall have the opportunity of informing him within a period of twelve months following the date of its circulation whether they: (a) accept the amendment; or (b) reject the amendment; or (c) wish that a conference be convened to consider the amendment. The Secretary-General shall also transmit the text of the proposed amendment to the other States referred to in article 2 of this Agreement.

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2. (a) Any proposed amendment communicated in accordance with the preceding paragraph 1 of this article shall be deemed to be accepted if within the period of twelve months referred to in the preceding paragraph less than one-third of the Contracting Parties inform the Secretary-General that they either reject the amendment or wish that a conference be convened to consider it. The Secretary-General shall notify all Contracting Parties of each acceptance or rejection of any proposed amendment and of requests that a conference be convened. If the total number of such rejections and requests received during the specified period of twelve months is less than one-third of the total number of Contracting Parties, the Secretary-General shall notify all Contracting Parties that the amendment will enter into force six months after the expiry of the period of twelve months referred to in paragraph 1 of this article for all Contracting Parties except those which, during the period specified, have rejected the amendment or requested the convening of a conference to consider it.

(b) Any Contracting Party which, during the said period of twelve months, has rejected a proposed amendment or requested the convening of a conference to consider it may at any time after the end of such period notify the Secretary-General that it accepts the amendment, and the Secretary-General shall communicate such notification to all the other Contracting Parties. The amendment shall enter into force, with respect to the Contracting Party which has notified its acceptance, six months after the date on which the Secretary-General receives the notification.

3. If a proposed amendment has not been accepted in accordance with paragraph 2 of this article and if within the period of twelve months specified in paragraph 1 of this article less than half of the total number of the Contracting Parties inform the Secretary-General that they reject the proposed amendment and if at least one-third of the total number of Contracting Parties, but not less than five, inform him that they accept it or wish a conference to be convened to consider it, the Secretary-General shall convene a conference for the purpose of considering the proposed amendment or any other proposal which may be submitted to him in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Article.

4. If a conference is convened in accordance with paragraph 3 of this article, the Secretary-General shall invite to it all the Contracting Parties and the other States referred to in article 2 of this Agreement. He shall request all States invited to the Conference to submit to him, at least six months before its opening date, any proposals which they may wish the Conference to consider in addition to the proposed amendment and shall communicate such proposals, at least three months before the opening date of the Conference, to all States invited to the Conference.

5. (a) Any amendment to this Agreement shall be deemed to be accepted if it has been adopted by a two-thirds majority of the States represented at the Conference, provided that such majority comprises at least two-thirds of the Contracting Parties represented at the Conference. The Secretary-General shall notify all Contracting Parties of the adoption of the amendment, and the amendment shall enter into force twelve months after the date of this notification for all Contracting Parties except those which during that period have notified the Secretary-General that they reject the amendment.



(b) A Contracting Party which has rejected an amendment during the said period of twelve months may at any time notify the Secretary-General that it accepts the amendment, and the Secretary-General shall communicate such notification to all the other Contracting Parties. The amendment shall enter into force, with respect to the Contracting Party which has notified its acceptance, six months after receipt by the Secretary-General of the notification or at the end of the said period of twelve months, whichever is later.

6. If the proposed amendment is not deemed to be accepted pursuant to paragraph 2 of this article and if the conditions prescribed by paragraph 3 of this article for convening a conference are not fulfilled, the proposed amendment shall be deemed to be rejected.

7. Independently of the amendment procedure prescribed in paragraphs 1-6 of this article, the annex to this Agreement may be amended by agreement between the competent administrations of all Contracting Parties. If the administration of a Contracting Party states that its national law obliges it to subordinate its agreement to the grant of a specific authorization or to the approval of a legislative body, the competent administration of the Contracting Party in question shall be considered to have consented to the amendment to the annex only at such time as it notifies the Secretary-General that it has obtained the required authorization or approval. The agreement between the competent administrations may provide that, during a transitional period, the former provisions of the annex shall remain in force, in whole or in part, simultaneously with the new provisions. The Secretary-General shall appoint the date of entry into force of the new provisions.

8. Each State shall, at the time of signing, ratifying, or acceding to, this Agreement, inform the Secretary-General of the name and address of its administration competent in the matter of agreement as contemplated in paragraph 7 of this article.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 1971 EUROPEAN AGREEMENT
SUPPLEMENTING THE 1968 CONVENTION ON ROAD SIGNS AND
SIGNALS

Revision 2

Note by the secretariat

The text reproduced below contains the proposed amendments to the 1971 European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals adopted by the Inland Transport Committee at its fifty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/97, para. 59).

The text of the proposed amendments is supplemented by the explanatory memorandum.

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A. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX TO THE 1971 EUROPEAN AGREEMENT
SUPPLEMENTING THE 1968 CONVENTION ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS
(E/ECE/812 -- E/ECE/TRANS/566)

3.*/ Ad Article 1 of the Convention (Definitions)

Insert the following text after the text relating to subparagraph (b):

"Additional subparagraph to be inserted immediately after
subparagraph (b) of this Article

This subparagraph shall be read as follows:

"'Residential area' means a specially-designed area where special traffic rules apply and which is signposted as such at its entries and exits."

9. Ad Article 10 of the Convention (Priority signs)

Amend the first subparagraph of the text relating to paragraph 6 to read:

"Paragraph 6

To give advance warning of sign B, 1, the same sign supplemented by additional panel H, 1 described in Annex 1, section H to the Convention shall be used." (the remaining text without change)

Insert a new paragraph to read:

"9 bis. Ad Article 13 bis of the Convention (Special regulation signs)

Paragraph 2

This paragraph shall be read as follows: "Signs E, 7^a; E, 7^b or E, 7^c and E, 8^a; E, 8^b or E, 8^c shall notify road-users that the general regulations governing traffic in built-up areas in the territory of the State apply from signs E, 7^a; E, 7^b or E, 7^c to signs E, 8^a; E, 8^b or E, 8^c except in so far as different regulations may be notified by other signs on certain sections of road in the built-up area. They shall bear inscriptions in a dark colour on a white or light-coloured ground and shall be placed respectively at the entries and exits of a built-up area. However, sign B, 4 shall always be placed on a priority road marked with sign B, 3 if that road ceases to have priority where it passes through the built-up area."

For the existing text of paragraph 10 substitute:

"10. Ad Article 18 of the Convention (Place identification signs)

Place identification signs shall bear inscriptions in white or light colour on a dark-coloured ground."

*/ This figure and the figures following it refer to numbers of the amended paragraphs of the Annex of the European Agreement.

11. Ad Article 23 of the Convention (Signals for vehicular traffic)

Delete the texts entitled:

"Additional paragraph to be inserted immediately after paragraph 3 of this Article";

"Paragraph 9"

"Paragraph 10,"

"Additional paragraph to be inserted immediately after paragraph 10 of this Article"

For the existing text of paragraphs 17 to 33 of the Annex to the European Agreement substitute:

"17. Ad Annex 1, section A, subsection II, to the Convention

Paragraph 2 (Dangerous descent)

This paragraph shall be read as follows:

"(a) To give warning of a steep descent, symbol A, 2^a shall be used.

(b) The left-hand part of symbol A, 2^a shall occupy the left-hand corner of the sign panel and its base shall extend over the whole width of the panel; the figure shows the gradient as a percentage."

Paragraph 3 (Steep ascent)

This paragraph shall be read as follows:

"(a) To give warning of a steep ascent, symbol A, 3^a shall be used.

(b) The right-hand part of symbol A, 3^a shall occupy the right-hand corner of the sign panel and its base shall extend over the whole width of the panel; the figure shows the gradient as a percentage."

Paragraph 12 (Pedestrian crossing)

This paragraph shall be read as follows:

"(a) Warning of a pedestrian crossing shall be given by symbol A, 12^a.

(b) The symbol may be reversed."

Paragraph 18 (Intersection where the priority is prescribed by the general priority rule)

This paragraph shall be read as follows: "Warning of an intersection where the priority is that prescribed by the general priority rule in force in the country shall be given by symbol A, 18^a."

Paragraph 20 (Intersection with a road to whose users drivers must give way)

This paragraph shall be read as follows: "Sign B, 1 or sign B, 2^a shall be used in conformity with the provisions of item 9 of this annex."

Paragraph 22 (Intersection where traffic is regulated by a light signal)

This paragraph shall be read as follows: "If traffic at the intersection is regulated by a light signal, a sign A^a, bearing the symbol A, 17 described in paragraph 17 above, may be set up to supplement or replace the signs described in paragraphs 18 to 21 above."

Paragraph 26 (other level crossings)
Subparagraph (b)

This subparagraph shall be read as follows: "Warning of other level-crossings shall be given by symbol A, 26^a or by symbol A, 27 as appropriate.

Paragraph 28 (Signs to be placed in the immediate vicinity of level-crossings)

Model A, 28^c of sign A, 28 shall not be used.

Models A, 28^a and A, 28^b may show red stripes on condition that neither the general appearance nor the effectiveness of the signs is impaired thereby.

18. Ad Annex 1, section B, to the Convention

Paragraph 1 ("GIVE WAY" sign)

Sign B, 1 shall bear neither symbol nor inscription.

Paragraph 2 ("STOP" sign)

This paragraph shall be read as follows: "The "STOP" sign shall be sign B, 2, model B, 2^a. Sign B, 2, model B, 2^a shall be octagonal with a red ground, surrounded by a narrow white or light yellow border and bear the symbol "STOP" in white or light yellow; the height of the symbol shall be not less than one-third of the height of the panel. The height of the normal-sized sign B, 2^a shall be approximately 0.90 m; the height of the small signs shall be not less than 0.60 m."

19. Ad Annex 1, section C, subsection II, to the Convention

Paragraph 1 (Prohibition and restriction of entry)

Model C, 1^b of sign C, 1 shall not be used.

The two signs C, 3^m and C, 3ⁿ reproduced in the appendix to this annex and having the following meaning may be used:

C, 3^m "NO ENTRY FOR VEHICLES CARRYING MORE THAN A CERTAIN QUANTITY OF EXPLOSIVES OR READILY INFLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES"

C, 3ⁿ "NO ENTRY FOR VEHICLES CARRYING MORE THAN A CERTAIN QUANTITY OF SUBSTANCES LIABLE TO CAUSE WATER POLLUTION".

The note at the end of subparagraph (c) shall be read as follows: "Signs C, 3^a to C, 3^l as well as signs C, 3^m and C, 3ⁿ mentioned under this

Paragraph 4 (Prohibition of overtaking)

Models C, 13^{ab} and C, 13^{bb} of the signs C, 13^a and C, 13^b shall not be used.

Paragraph 9, subparagraph (a) (ii)

This provision shall not be applied.

Paragraph 9, subparagraph (b) (iii)

This provision shall not be applied.

Paragraph 9, subparagraph (c) (v)

The possibility, where the prohibition applies only over a short distance, of setting up only one sign showing in a red circle the distance on which the prohibition applies, shall not be used.

20. Ad Annex 1, section D, subsection I, to the Convention

Paragraph 2

This paragraph shall be read as follows: "Unless provided otherwise, the signs shall be blue and the symbols shall be white or of a light colour."

21. Ad Annex 1, section D, subsection II, to the Convention

Paragraph 1 (Direction to be followed)

Sign D, 1^b shall not be used.

Paragraph 3 (Compulsory roundabout)

This paragraph shall be read as follows: "Sign D, 3 "COMPULSORY ROUNDABOUT" shall have no meaning other than to show the prescribed direction of movement of gyratory vehicular traffic."

22. Ad Annex 1, section E, subsection II, to the Convention

Paragraph 3 ("ONE-WAY" sign), subparagraph (a) (ii)

The arrow of sign E, 3^b shall bear an inscription only if the effectiveness of the sign is not impaired thereby.

Paragraph 5 (Signs notifying an entry to or an exit from a motorway)

Additional subparagraph, to be inserted immediately after subparagraph (a) of this paragraph

This subparagraph shall be read as follows: "Sign E, 5^a may be used, and repeated, to give warning of the approach of a motorway. Each sign set up for this purpose shall carry either an inscription in its lower part showing the distance between the sign and the beginning of the motorway or an additional panel H, 1 described in Annex 1, section H to the Convention."

Paragraph 6 (Signs notifying an entry to or an exit from a road on which the traffic rules are the same as on a motorway)

Additional subparagraph to be inserted immediately after subparagraph (a) of this paragraph

This subparagraph shall be read as follows: "Sign E, 6^a may be used and repeated to give warning of the approach to a road on which the traffic rules are the same as on a motorway. Each sign set up for this purpose shall carry either an inscription in its lower part showing the distance between the sign and the beginning of the road on which the traffic rules are the same as on a motorway or an additional panel H, 1 described in Annex 1, section H to the Convention."

Paragraph 7 (Signs indicating the beginning and the end of a built-up area)

This paragraph shall be read as follows:

"(a) The sign to indicate the beginning of a built-up area shall bear the name of the built-up area or the symbol showing the silhouette of a built-up area or the two combined.

The inscriptions shall be in a dark colour on a white or light-coloured ground and the sign shall have a dark-coloured border.

Signs E, 7^a, E, 7^b and E, 7^c are examples of signs showing the beginning of a built-up area.

(b) The sign showing the end of a built-up area shall be identical except that it shall be crossed by an oblique bar coloured red or consisting of parallel lines coloured red running from the upper right edge to the lower left edge.

Signs E, 8^a, E, 8^b and E, 8^c are examples of signs indicating the end of a built-up area.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 6, paragraph 1 of this Convention these signs may be placed on the reverse side of signs identifying a built-up area.

(c) The signs covered by this section shall be used in conformity with the provisions of the Convention, Article 13 bis, paragraph 2."

Paragraph 10 (Pedestrian crossing)

Sign E, 12^b shall not be used.

Paragraph 12 ("PARKING" sign)

The square panel mentioned in the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall bear the letter "P".

Add at the end of the text:

"Additional paragraph to be inserted immediately after paragraph 13

This paragraph shall be read as follows:

"Signs notifying an entry to or an exit from a residential area where special traffic rules apply

Sign E, 17^a "RESIDENTIAL AREA" shall be placed at the point where the special rules to be observed in a residential area referred to in Article 27 bis of the Convention on Road Traffic supplemented by the European Agreement begin to apply. Sign E, 17^b "END OF RESIDENTIAL AREA" shall be placed at the point where those rules cease to apply."

23. Ad Annex 1, section F, subsection II to the Convention

Paragraph 1 ("FIRST-AID STATION" symbol)

Symbols F, 1^b and F, 1^c shall not be used.

Paragraph 2 (Miscellaneous symbols)

Add at the end of the text:

"Additional symbols to be inserted at the end of this paragraph

F, 14 "RADIO STATIONS GIVING TRAFFIC INFORMATION"

Inscription on white square: Under the word "radio" there might be an indication of the name or the code of the radio station when necessary in abridged form and the number of the programme. The word "Radio" may be repeated also in the national language.

Inscription on blue ground: Indication of the frequency and, if necessary, the wavelength of the local radio station.

It is left to the discretion of the countries to add in the case of VHF stations the indication "MHz" or the regional code, and in the case of medium-frequency or long-frequency stations the indication "kc/s".

The wavelength may be given in figures with the letter m (e.g. 1500m).

F, 15 "PUBLIC LAVATORY"

F, 16 "BEACH OR SWIMMING POOL"

24. Ad Annex 1, section G, subsection II, to the Convention

Paragraph 2 (Special cases), subparagraph (a)

The red bar of signs G, 2^a and G, 2^b shall be surrounded by a white rim.

25. Ad Annex 1, section G, subsection III, to the Convention

Paragraph 1

Sign G, 4^c shall not be used.

Paragraph 2

Sign G, 6^c shall not be used.

26. Ad Annex 1, section G, subsection V, to the Convention

Paragraph 3 ("NO THROUGH ROAD" sign)

The red bar of sign G, 13 shall be surrounded by a white rim.

27. Ad Annex 1, section H, to the Convention

Additional paragraph to be inserted immediately after paragraph 1

This paragraph shall be read as follows: "The ground of additional panels should be preferably the same as the ground of the particular groups of signs with which they are used.""

Appendix to Annex to the European Agreement

Replace the words "Additional sign No. 1" and "Additional sign No. 2" by: "C, 3^m" and "C, 3ⁿ" respectively.

Insert new signs: E, 17^a; E, 17^b; F, 14; F, 15 and F, 16, which are reproduced at the end of this document.

B. EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Aims of the proposed amendments

The proposed amendments to the Annex to the European Agreement, reproduced in part A of this document, aim at:

- (i) Adjusting the present provisions of the European Agreement to the proposed amendments to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals, without changing the provisions of the European Agreement, as regards their substance;
- (ii) Introducing new provisions, in addition to those proposed to be included in the Convention, application of which is expected to be limited to European countries only.

2. Adjusting the present provisions of the European Agreement to the proposed amendments to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals

(a) The proposed amendments to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals included a new classification of road signs which caused changes in the numbering of road signs and the rearrangement of annexes to the Convention and certain parts of its body. It is necessary, therefore, to amend certain paragraphs of the Annex to the European Agreement modifying references to articles of the Convention, to its annexes and to signs. Such amendments concern paragraphs 9, 9 bis, 10 and 17 to 33 (referring to the present annexes 1 to 7 to the Convention) which were replaced by paragraphs 17 to 27 (referring to the new Annex 1 to the Convention).

(b) The proposed amendments to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals included certain provisions of the present European Agreement in the Convention, therefore, it is proposed to delete those provisions from the European Agreement. Such provisions are proposed to be deleted from paragraphs 11 and 24 of the Annex of the European Agreement.

3. Justifications regarding new provisions proposed to be included in the Annex of the European Agreement

Paragraph 3 (Ad Article 1 of the Convention)

Amendment resulting from the proposed inclusion of Article 27 bis "Special rules applicable to residential areas signposted as such" in the European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Traffic.

Paragraph 17 (Ad Annex 1, section A, subsection II, to the Convention - paragraph 26)

In accordance with the provisions of the present European Agreement warning of a level-crossing with a tramway line must be given using sign A, 26^a which was clearly designed for trains, rather than for tramways.

The proposed amendment allows the indication of a level-crossing with a tramway using sign A, 27, which is better suited to this situation.

Paragraph 19 (Ad Annex 1, section C, subsection II, to the Convention -- paragraph 1)

The additional signs No. 1 and No. 2 are proposed to be renumbered as signs C, 3^m and C, 3ⁿ in order to ensure conformity between the sign numbering system in the European Agreement and that used in the Convention.

Paragraph 22 (Ad Annex 1, section E, subsection II, to the Convention -- paragraph 7)

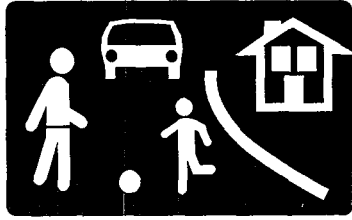
Amendment resulting from the proposed inclusion of the new text of paragraph 7 in Annex 1, section E, subsection II of the Convention. The text proposed to be included in the European Agreement contains also the provisions which have already existed in the present Agreement.

Paragraph 22 (Ad Annex 1, section E, subsection II, to the Convention -- additional paragraph to be inserted at the end of section E)

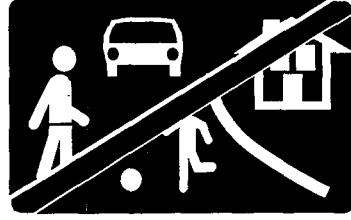
Amendment resulting from the inclusion of article 27 bis in the European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Traffic.

Paragraph 23 (Ad Annex 1, section F, subsection II, to the Convention -- additional symbols)

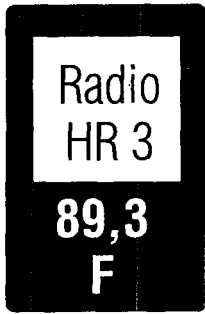
The aim of the proposed amendments is to standardize at the European level certain signs giving notice of facilities which may be useful to road-users and which have already been used by many Contracting Parties.



E, 17^a



E, 17^b



F, 14



F, 15



F, 16