AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF UNIFORM TECHNICAL
PRESCRIPTIONS FOR WHEELED VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT AND PARTS
WHICH CAN BE FITTED AND/OR BE USED ON WHEELED VEHICLES
AND THE CONDITIONS FOR RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF APPROVALS
GRANTED ON THE BASIS OF THESE PRESCRIPTIONS
DONE AT GENEVA ON 20 MARCH 1958

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO REGULATION NO. 54

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

On 22 May 1996, the Secretary-General received from
the Administrative Committee of the above Agreement, pursuant
to article 12 (1) of the Agreement, the following amendments to
Regulation No. 54: ("Uniform provisions concerning the approval
of pneumatic tyres for commercial vehicles and their trailers")
annexed to the Agreement.

A copy, in the English and French languages, of the
document containing the text of the proposed amendments is
transmitted herewith (supplement 8 in its original form:
doc. TRANS/WP.29/499).

The Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to article 12 (2)
and (3) of the Agreement which read as follows:

"2. An amendment to a Regulation will be considered to
be adopted unless, within a period of six months from its
notification by the Secretary-General, more than one-third
of the Contracting Parties applying the Regulation at the
time of notification have informed the Secretary-General of
their disagreement with the amendment. If, after this period,
the Secretary-General has not received declarations of
disagreement of more than one-third of the Contracting Parties
applying the Regulation, the Secretary-General shall as soon as
possible declare the amendment as adopted and binding upon those
Contracting Parties applying the Regulation who did not declare
themselves opposed to it. When a Regulation is amended and at
least one-fifth of the Contracting Parties applying the
unamended Regulation subsequently declare that they wish to
continue to apply the unamended Regulation, the unamended
Regulation will be regarded as an alternative to the amended
Regulation and will be incorporated formally as such into the
Regulation with effect from the date of adoption of the
amendment or its entry into force. In this case the obligations
of the Contracting Parties applying the Regulation shall be the
same as set out in paragraph 1."

Attention: Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of
international organizations concerned
3. Should a new Contracting Party accede to this Agreement between the time of the notification of the amendment to a Regulation by the Secretary-General and its entry into force, the Regulation in question shall not enter into force for that Contracting Party until two months after it has formally accepted the amendment or two months after the lapse of a period of six months since the communication to that Party by the Secretary-General of the proposed amendment."

26 June 1996
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles

DRAFT SUPPLEMENT 8 TO REGULATION No. 54
(Pneumatic tyres for commercial vehicles)

Note: The text reproduced below was adopted by the Administrative Committee (AC.1) of the amended 1958 Agreement at its second session, following the recommendation by the Working Party at its one-hundred-and-eighth session. It is based on document TRANS/WP.29/R.726, as amended (TRANS/WP.29/487, paras. 60, 61 and 95).

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Insert a new paragraph 3.1.11. to read:

"3.1.11. An identification of the tyre to rim fitment configuration when it differs from the standard configuration and is not already expressed by the symbol "d" denoting the nominal rim diameter code."

Paragraph 4.1.4., amend to read (in conformity with paragraph 2.1.4):

"4.1.4. Structure: diagonal (bias ply) or radial;"

Paragraph 4.2., amend to read:

"The application for approval shall be accompanied (all in triplicate) by a sketch, or a representative photograph, which identify the tyre tread pattern and a sketch of the envelope of the inflated tyre mounted on the measuring rim showing the relevant dimensions (see paragraphs 6.1.1. and 6.1.2.) of the type submitted for approval. It shall also be accompanied either by the test report issued by the approved Test Laboratory or by one or two samples of the tyre type, at the discretion of the competent authority. Drawings or photographs of the side wall and tread of the tyre shall be submitted once production has been established, no later than one year after the date of issue of the type approval."