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AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF UNIFORM CONDITIONS
OF APPROVAL AND RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF APPROVAL FOR
MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT AND PARTS. GENEVA, 20 MARCH 1958

REGULATION NO. 103. UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE
APPROVAL OF REPLACEMENT CATALYTIC CONVERTERS FOR
POWER-DRIVEN VEHICLES

PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION

On 22 December 1999, the Secretary-General received from the Administrative Committee of
the above Agreement, pursuant to article 12 (1) of the Agreement, amendments proposed to the above
Regulation.

A copy, in the English and French languages, of the document containing the text of the
proposed amendments is transmitted herewith (doc. TRANS/WP.29/700).

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 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.

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

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communication to that Party by the Secretary-General of the proposed amendment."

6 January 2000

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

DRAFT SUPPLEMENT 1 TO REGULATION No. 103
(Replacement catalytic converters)

Note: The text reproduced below was adopted by the Administrative Committee (AC.1) of the amended 1958 Agreement at its thirteenth session, following the recommendation by the Working Party at its one-hundred-and-nineteenth session. It is based on document TRANS/WP.29/1999/42, not amended (TRANS/WP.29/689, para. 153).
Paragraph 5.3., amend to read:

"5.3. Requirements regarding noise and vehicle performance

The replacement catalytic converter shall satisfy the technical requirements of Regulation No. 59. As an alternative to the measurement of back-pressure as specified in Regulation No. 59, the verification of the vehicle performance can be performed by measuring on a chassis dynamometer the maximum absorbed power at a speed corresponding to the engine maximum power. The value determined under reference atmospheric conditions as specified in Regulation No. 85 with the replacement catalytic converter shall not be lower by more than 5 per cent than that determined with the original equipment catalytic converter."

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