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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. GENEVA, 20 MARCH  
1958

REGULATION NO. 17. UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE  
APPROVAL OF VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THE SEATS, THEIR  
ANCHORAGES AND ANY HEAD RESTRAINTS

1 DECEMBER 1970

PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS

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

On 14 June 1999, the Secretary-General received from the Administrative Committee of the  
above Agreement, pursuant to article 12 (1) of the Agreement, amendments proposed to Regulation No.  
17.

A copy, in the English and French languages, of the document containing the text of the  
proposed amendments is transmitted herewith (supplement 2 to the 07 series)  
(doc. TRANS/WP.29/665).

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.

3. Should a new Contracting Party accede to this Agreement between the time of the

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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."

13 July 1999

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'M/V' or similar, written in a cursive style.



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Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles

DRAFT SUPPLEMENT 2 TO THE 07 SERIES OF  
AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 17

(Strength of seats)

Note: The text reproduced below was adopted by the Administrative Committee (AC.1) of the amended 1958 Agreement at its eleventh session, following the recommendation by the Working Party at its one-hundred-and-seventeenth session. It is based on document TRANS/WP.29/1999/16, not amended (TRANS/WP.29/663, para. 114).

The footnote at the beginning of the Regulation, should be deleted (reading: "Note: No provisions in this Regulation shall be construed as a mandatory requirement to equip seats with head restraints.")

Paragraph 4.1., amend to read:

"4.1. If the vehicle submitted for approval pursuant to this Regulation meets the relevant requirements (seats fitted with head restraints or capable of being fitted with head restraints), approval of the vehicle type shall be granted."

Paragraph 4.4.1., footnote 3/, amend to read:

"3/ 1 for Germany, ..., 24 for Ireland, ..., 30 (vacant), 31 for Bosnia and Herzegovina, 32 for Latvia, 33-36 (vacant), 37 for Turkey, 38-39 (vacant), 40 for The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, 41 (vacant), 42 for the European Community (Approvals are granted by its Member States using their respective ECE symbol) and 43 for Japan. Subsequent numbers .... to the 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 and the numbers ... to the Agreement."

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