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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. 23. UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF REVERSING LIGHTS FOR POWER-DRIVEN VEHICLES AND THEIR TRAILERS

1 DECEMBER 1971

PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATION

On 22 August 2003, 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.

The document containing the text in the English and French languages of the proposed amendments concerned (doc. TRANS/WP.29/933) can be accessed on the website for the Transport Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe at the following address: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29fdoc_s900.html.

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 amended Regulation will be regarded as applying as a matter of convenience until such time as the parties to the unamended Regulation shall have had the opportunity to adopt one of the alternative provisions.

"3. If, after a period of one year from the date of its adoption, a Regulation is not adopted by at least one-fifth of the Contracting Parties applying the Regulation (unless, in accordance with paragraph 2, the Regulation has been declared as an alternative to another Regulation), the Secretary-General shall declare the Regulation as expired and shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Contracting Parties applying the Regulation."

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

26 August 2003