

**16. 12) United Nations Regulation No. 12. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the protection of the driver against the steering mechanism in the event of impact**

*Geneva, 1 July 1969*

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***Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 12<sup>2</sup>***

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Albania.....	6 Sep 2011	France <sup>5</sup> .....	1 Jul 1969
Armenia .....	1 Mar 2018	Germany <sup>6</sup> .....	18 Jul 1972
Australia.....	1 Jun 2010	Greece.....	4 Oct 1995
Belarus.....	3 May 1995	Hungary .....	9 Jul 1997
Belgium .....	19 Jan 1972	Italy.....	19 Jul 1975
Croatia .....	2 Feb 2001	Japan .....	2 Aug 2004
Czech Republic <sup>3</sup> .....	2 Jun 1993 d	Kyrgyzstan.....	1 Sep 2023
Denmark .....	21 Oct 1976	Latvia.....	19 Nov 1998
Egypt.....	5 Dec 2012	Lithuania.....	28 Jan 2002
Estonia .....	26 May 1999	Luxembourg.....	2 Aug 1983
European Union <sup>4</sup> .....	23 Jan 1998	Malaysia.....	3 Feb 2006
Finland.....	15 Dec 1977	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) <sup>7</sup> .....	1 Jul 1969

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
New Zealand <sup>8</sup> .....	18 Jan 2002
Nigeria .....	18 Oct 2018
Norway .....	23 Dec 1987
Pakistan.....	24 Feb 2020
Philippines .....	3 May 2023
Poland.....	23 May 2000
Republic of Moldova.....	21 Sep 2016
Romania.....	23 Dec 1976
Russian Federation .....	19 Dec 1986
San Marino .....	27 Nov 2015

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Slovakia <sup>3</sup> .....	28 May 1993 d
Slovenia .....	2 Aug 1994
Spain.....	14 Mar 1991
Sweden.....	27 Oct 1969
Switzerland.....	4 Dec 1995
Türkiye.....	16 Jan 2001
Uganda.....	20 Mar 2023
Ukraine .....	9 Aug 2002
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>5</sup> .....	1 Jul 1969

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> For additional references to the texts of the annexed regulations and their amendments, see doc. [TRANS/WP.29/343](#) as updated annually.

<sup>2</sup> For technical reasons and in order to align this chapter with all others in the publication, the date indicated is no longer the date of effect of the regulation for the Contracting Party, but the date of receipt of the notification of application by the Secretary-General.

<sup>3</sup> Czechoslovakia applied Regulation No. 12 as from 14 April 1972. See also note 1 under “Czech Republic” and note 1 under “Slovakia” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>4</sup> In a letter dated 29 July 1998, the European Community informed the Secretary-General of the following:

"The accession of the EC has the effect that the [...] regulations adhered to are not (in cases where a Member State already applied a regulation: no longer) applied by Member States by virtue of their status as Contracting Parties to the Agreement but exclusively in their capacity as Member States of the Contracting Party European Community. Thus, the 14 Member States already Contracting Parties themselves, now apply all [these] regulations by virtue of the EC's accession."

... By the EC accession, Ireland has not become a Contracting Party. Only the EC has become a Contracting Party. Ireland being a Member State of this Contracting Party applies the [...] regulations [adhered to by the EC] by virtue of the EC's accession.

It will be recalled that, as at 29 July 1999, States Members of the EC are: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

<sup>5</sup> Contracting State having proposed the Regulation and date of entry into force of the Regulation for that State in accordance with article 1 (3).

<sup>6</sup> The German Democratic Republic applied Regulation No. 12 as from 28 June 1981.

With regard to the above, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany in a communication received on 14 January 1991, informed the Secretary-General, *inter alia*, of the following:

- [Regulation No. 12 which has] been applied by both the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic shall continue to apply...

The notification further states that it “. . . does not constitute a general statement of position by the Federal Republic of Germany on the question of state succession in relation to treaties.”

See also note 2 under “Germany” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>7</sup> For the Kingdom in Europe.

<sup>8</sup> See note 1 under "New Zealand" regarding Tokelau in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

