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*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 1 July 1969, in accordance with article 1(5).

**REGISTRATION:** 1 July 1969, No. 4789.

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1. 23 June 1999.
2. 26 March 2012.
3. 7 August 1996.
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5. 18 May 2004.
7. 9 August 1999.
### Notes:

1. For additional references to the texts of the annexed regulations and their amendments, see doc. TRANS/WP.29/343 as updated annually.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

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

6. 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.

7. For the Kingdom in Europe.

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