

16. 15) United Nations Regulation No. 15. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles equipped with a positive-ignition engine or with a compression-ignition engine with regard to the emission of gaseous pollutants by the engine - method of measuring the power of positive-ignition engines - method of measuring the fuel consumption of vehicles

1 August 1970

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1 August 1970, in accordance with article 1(5).
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Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 15⁴

<i>Participant¹</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant¹</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Albania.....	6 Sep 2011	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) ¹	[30 Mar 1971]
Armenia	1 Mar 2018	Nigeria	18 Oct 2018
Austria ¹	[11 Oct 1979]	North Macedonia ⁵	1 Apr 1998
Belgium ¹	[12 Oct 1970]	Norway ¹	[3 Feb 1975]
Bosnia and Herzegovina ⁵	28 Sep 1998 d	Pakistan.....	24 Feb 2020
Croatia ⁵	[17 Mar 1994 d]	Philippines	3 Nov 2022
Denmark ¹	[9 Dec 1983]	Republic of Moldova.....	21 Sep 2016
Egypt.....	5 Dec 2012	Romania ⁸	[23 Dec 1976]
Finland ¹	[20 Jun 1977]	Russian Federation ¹	[19 Dec 1986]
France ^{1,6}	[1 Aug 1970]	San Marino	27 Nov 2015
Germany ^{1,7}	[18 Jul 1972]	Serbia ⁵	[12 Mar 2001 d]
Hungary ¹	[19 Aug 1976]	Slovenia ^{1,5}	[3 Nov 1992 d]
Italy ¹	[13 Feb 1973]	Spain ^{1,6}	[1 Aug 1970]
Kyrgyzstan.....	1 Sep 2023	Switzerland ¹	[29 Jun 1973]
Lithuania	28 Jan 2002	Uganda.....	23 Aug 2022
Luxembourg ¹	[2 Aug 1983]	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ¹	[18 May 1972]
Malaysia.....	3 Feb 2006		

Notes:

¹ The following states notified, pursuant to the provisions of article 1 (7) of the Agreement, their intention to cease to apply regulation No. 15, with effect from the date indicated below:

Participant : **Date of effect of the cessation of application:**

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Austria 24 May 1985
Belgium 1 Oct 1989
Croatia 2 Feb 2002
Czechoslovakia* 31 Dec 1991

Participant :	Date of effect of the cessation of application:
Demark	1 Oct 1989
Finland	1 Jan 1990
France	1 Oct 1989
Germany**	30 Sep 1989
Hungary	21 May 1992
Italy	1 Oct 1989
Luxembourg	1 Jul 1990
Netherland	20 June 1989
Norway	1 Jan 1989
Romania	7 July 1999
Russian Federation	24 Aug 2001
Serbia	14 May 2005
Slovenia	2 Aug 1995
Spain	15 Feb 1991
Switzerland***	1 Oct 1982
United Kingdom	1 Oct 1990

* Czechoslovakia applied Regulation No. 15 as from 14 April 1972.

** The notification of application by the Federal Republic of Germany contained the following declaration: In the European Communities, the provisions of Directive 70/220/EEC on the approximation of the law of the Member States relating to measures to be taken against air pollution by gases from positive-ignition engines of motor vehicles, as amended by Directive 83/351/EEC, were in conformity with ECE Regulation No. 15/04. As a result of Directive 88/76/EEC, however, provisions on exhaust-gas behaviour and other requirements to be met by fuels that are more stringent than those set forth in ECE Regulation 15/04 have come into effect. For reasons relating to environment policy, the Federal Republic of Germany can no longer approve motor vehicles meeting only the less stringent requirements of ECE Regulation No. 15/04 with regard to exhaust-gas behaviour. The Federal Republic of Germany intends, together with France, to submit to the United Nations the draft of a new ECE regulation that both maintains a link with ECE Regulation No. 15/04 and contains the more stringent provisions of Directive 88/76/EEC. The goal of this course of action is to ensure a graduation.

*** The notification contained the following declaration: The Federal Council [of Switzerland] expresses the hope that progress made within the framework of the Economic Commission for Europe as regards the regulation of the emission of gaseous pollutants will lead it to reapply the said Regulation No. 15 in the near future.

² The amendments (series 02) to Regulation No. 15 entered into force on 1 March 1977 (instead of 15 March 1977), in accordance with a proposal by the United Kingdom received on 22 October 1976 and circulated by the Secretary-General on 8 November 1976 (See, [C.N.344.1976.TREATIES-28](#)).

³ For additional references to the texts of the annexed regulations and their amendments, see doc. [TRANS/WP.29/343](#) as updated annually.

⁴ 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.

⁵ The former Yugoslavia applied Regulation No. 15 as from 28 June 1976. See also note 1 under “Bosnia and Herzegovina”, “Croatia”, “former Yugoslavia”, “Slovenia”, “The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and “Yugoslavia” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

⁶ Contracting State having proposed the Regulation and date of entry into force of the Regulation for that State in accordance with article 1 (3).

⁷ The German Democratic Republic applied Regulation No. 15 as from 26 September 1977.

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. 15 which was] applied by the German Democratic Republic but not by the Federal Republic of Germany [is] not to be applied in the future... [It will be recalled that the Federal Republic of Germany had notified the Secretary-General, on 18 July 1972, that it intended to apply Regulation No. 15. For its subsequent notification of cessation of application of Regulation No. 15, see note 1.]

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 “Germany” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

⁸ Date of entry into force of Regulation No. 15 as indicated by the Contracting State in its notification of application:

Participant:	Date entry into force:
Romania	1 May 1977

