

16. 17) United Nations Regulation No. 17. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the seats, their anchorages and any head restraints

1 December 1970

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Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 17²

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Armenia	1 Mar 2018	Egypt.....	5 Dec 2012
Belarus	3 May 1995	Estonia	29 Oct 1998
Belgium	23 Jan 1976	European Union ⁵	23 Jan 1998
Bosnia and Herzegovina ³	28 Sep 1998 d	Finland.....	15 Dec 1977
Croatia ³	17 Mar 1994 d	France ⁶	1 Dec 1970
Czech Republic ⁴	2 Jun 1993 d	Germany ⁷	26 Jan 1973
Denmark	21 Oct 1976	Greece.....	4 Oct 1995

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Hungary	20 Jan 1993	Poland	4 Apr 1990
Italy	19 Jul 1975	Republic of Moldova	21 Sep 2016
Japan	3 Jul 2002	Romania	2 Jul 1979
Kyrgyzstan	1 Sep 2023	Russian Federation	19 Dec 1986
Latvia	19 Nov 1998	San Marino	27 Nov 2015
Lithuania	28 Jan 2002	Serbia ³	12 Mar 2001 d
Luxembourg	2 Mar 1983	Slovakia ⁴	28 May 1993 d
Malaysia	3 Feb 2006	Slovenia ³	3 Nov 1992 d
Montenegro ⁸	23 Oct 2006 d	South Africa	18 Apr 2001
Netherlands (Kingdom of the) ⁶	1 Dec 1970	Spain	8 Apr 1977
New Zealand ⁹	18 Jan 2002	Sweden	7 May 1971
Nigeria	18 Oct 2018	Switzerland	4 Dec 1995
North Macedonia ³	1 Apr 1998 d	Türkiye	16 Jan 2001
Norway	23 Dec 1987	Uganda	23 Aug 2022
Pakistan	24 Feb 2020	Ukraine	9 Aug 2002
Philippines	3 Nov 2022	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	14 Dec 1971

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 The former Yugoslavia applied Regulation No. 17 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.

⁴ Czechoslovakia applied Regulation No. 17 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.

⁵ 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.

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. 17 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 of the following:

- [Regulation No. 17 which had] 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.

⁸ See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁹ See note 1 under "New Zealand" regarding Tokelau in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

