

**16. 18) United Nations Regulation No. 18. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of motor vehicles with regard to their protection against unauthorized use**

*1 March 1971*

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***Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 18<sup>2</sup>***

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Armenia .....	1 Mar 2018	Montenegro <sup>8</sup> .....	23 Oct 2006 d
Belarus .....	3 May 1995	Netherlands <sup>9</sup> .....	1 Mar 1971
Belgium <sup>3</sup> .....	1 Mar 1971	Nigeria .....	18 Oct 2018
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>4</sup> .....	28 Sep 1998 d	North Macedonia <sup>4</sup> .....	1 Apr 1998 d
Croatia <sup>4</sup> .....	17 Mar 1994 d	Norway .....	23 Dec 1987
Czech Republic <sup>5</sup> .....	2 Jun 1993 d	Pakistan .....	24 Feb 2020
Denmark .....	21 Oct 1976	Poland .....	2 Oct 2001
Egypt .....	5 Dec 2012	Republic of Moldova .....	21 Sep 2016
Estonia .....	26 May 1999	Romania .....	23 Dec 1976
European Union <sup>6</sup> .....	23 Jan 1998	Russian Federation .....	19 Dec 1986
Finland .....	15 Dec 1977	San Marino .....	27 Nov 2015
France <sup>3</sup> .....	1 Mar 1971	Serbia <sup>4</sup> .....	12 Mar 2001 d
Germany <sup>7</sup> .....	26 Jan 1973	Slovakia <sup>5</sup> .....	28 May 1993 d
Greece .....	4 Oct 1995	Slovenia <sup>4</sup> .....	3 Nov 1992 d
Hungary .....	19 Aug 1976	Spain .....	28 May 1971
Italy .....	19 Jul 1975	Sweden .....	17 Jun 1974
Latvia .....	19 Nov 1998	Turkey .....	8 May 2000
Lithuania .....	28 Jan 2002	Ukraine .....	9 Aug 2002
Luxembourg .....	2 Aug 1983	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland .....	2 Feb 1972
Malaysia .....	3 Feb 2006		

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**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> 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>4</sup> The former Yugoslavia applied Regulation No. 18 as from 6 November 1984. 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.

<sup>5</sup> Czechoslovakia applied Regulation No. 18 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>6</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>7</sup> The German Democratic Republic applied Regulations No. 18 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 18 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.

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

<sup>9</sup> Date of entry into force of Regulation No. 18 as indicated by the Contracting State in its notification of application:

<i>Participant:</i>	<i>Date entry into force:</i>
Netherlands	1 Mar 1971

