

**16. 20) United Nations Regulation No. 20. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of motor vehicle headlamps emitting an asymmetrical passing beam or a driving beam or both and equipped with halogen filament lamps (H4 lamps)**

*1 May 1971*

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**REGISTRATION:** 1 May 1971, No. 4789.

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***Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 20<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	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) <sup>3</sup> .....	1 May 1971
Austria .....	1 Mar 1972	New Zealand <sup>10</sup> .....	18 Jan 2002
Belarus .....	3 Jul 2003	Nigeria .....	18 Oct 2018
Belgium <sup>3</sup> .....	1 May 1971	North Macedonia <sup>4</sup> .....	1 Apr 1998 d
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>4</sup> .....	28 Sep 1998 d	Norway .....	23 Dec 1987
Croatia <sup>4</sup> .....	17 Mar 1994 d	Pakistan.....	24 Feb 2020
Czech Republic <sup>5</sup> .....	2 Jun 1993 d	Philippines .....	3 Nov 2022
Denmark .....	21 Oct 1976	Poland .....	7 Apr 1992
Egypt.....	2 Dec 2012	Republic of Moldova.....	21 Sep 2016
European Union <sup>6</sup> .....	23 Jan 1998	Romania.....	23 Dec 1976
Finland.....	19 Jul 1976	Russian Federation .....	8 Feb 1996
France <sup>7</sup> .....	15 Jul 1971	San Marino .....	27 Nov 2015
Germany <sup>8</sup> .....	18 Jul 1972	Serbia <sup>4</sup> .....	12 Mar 2001 d
Greece.....	4 Oct 1995	Slovakia <sup>5</sup> .....	28 May 1993 d
Hungary .....	19 Aug 1976	Slovenia <sup>4</sup> .....	3 Nov 1992 d
Italy .....	5 May 1971	South Africa.....	18 Apr 2001
Kyrgyzstan.....	1 Sep 2023	Spain .....	20 Sep 1973
Latvia.....	19 Nov 1998	Sweden <sup>7</sup> .....	7 Jul 1971
Lithuania.....	28 Jan 2002	Switzerland .....	4 Dec 1995
Luxembourg.....	2 Aug 1985	Türkiye.....	1 Jul 1998
Malaysia.....	3 Feb 2006	Uganda.....	23 Aug 2022
Montenegro <sup>9</sup> .....	23 Oct 2006 d	Ukraine .....	9 Aug 2002

**Application of  
regulation,  
Succession(d)**

**Participant**

United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland..... 1 Oct 1971

**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. 20 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.

<sup>5</sup> Czechoslovakia applied Regulation No. 20 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> Date of entry into force of Regulation No. 20 as indicated by the Contracting State in its notification of application:

<b>Participant:</b>	<b>Date entry into force:</b>
France	1 May 1971

<b>Participant:</b>	<b>Date entry into force:</b>
Sweden	1 May 1971

<sup>8</sup> The German Democratic Republic applied Regulation No. 20 as from 3 January 1976.

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:

- [Regulations 20 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>9</sup> See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>10</sup> See note 1 under "New Zealand" regarding Tokelau in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

