

16. 21) United Nations Regulation No. 21. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to their interior fittings

Geneva, 1 December 1971

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1 December 1971, in accordance with article 1(5).

REGISTRATION: 1 December 1971, No. 4789.

STATUS: Parties: 44.

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Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 21²

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Armenia	1 Mar 2018	Malaysia.....	3 Feb 2006
Australia.....	1 Jun 2010	Montenegro ⁸	23 Oct 2006 d
Belarus.....	13 Dec 2012	Netherlands (Kingdom of the).....	17 Apr 1981
Belgium ³	1 Dec 1971	New Zealand ⁹	18 Jan 2002
Bosnia and Herzegovina ⁴	28 Sep 1998 d	Nigeria	18 Oct 2018
Croatia ⁴	17 Mar 1994 d	North Macedonia ⁴	1 Apr 1998 d
Czech Republic ⁵	2 Jun 1993 d	Norway	23 Dec 1987
Denmark	21 Oct 1976	Pakistan.....	24 Feb 2020
Egypt.....	5 Dec 2012	Philippines	3 Nov 2022
Estonia	26 May 1999	Poland	2 Oct 2001
European Union ⁶	23 Jan 1998	Republic of Moldova.....	21 Sep 2016
Finland.....	15 Dec 1977	Romania.....	23 Dec 1976
France	1 Dec 1971	Russian Federation	19 Dec 1986
Germany ⁷	14 Sep 1973	San Marino	27 Nov 2015
Greece.....	4 Oct 1995	Serbia ⁴	12 Mar 2001 d
Hungary	20 Jan 1993	Slovakia ⁵	28 May 1993 d
Italy.....	19 Jul 1975	Spain.....	14 Jul 1978
Japan	20 Jan 2015	Sweden ¹⁰	4 Apr 1972
Kyrgyzstan.....	1 Sep 2023	Switzerland.....	4 Dec 1995
Latvia.....	19 Nov 1998	Türkiye.....	16 Jan 2001
Lithuania.....	28 Jan 2002	Uganda.....	23 Aug 2022
Luxembourg.....	2 Mar 1983	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	13 Dec 1972

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

⁴ The former Yugoslavia applied Regulation No. 21 as from 21 May 1991. 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.

⁵ Czechoslovakia applied Regulations No. 21 as from 30 July 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ The German Democratic Republic applied Regulation No. 21 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. 21 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.

¹⁰ Date of entry into force of Regulation No. 21 as indicated by the Contracting State in its notification of application:

<i>Participant:</i>	<i>Date entry into force:</i>
Sweden	1 Dec 1971

