

**16. 22) United Nations Regulation No. 22. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of protective helmets, of their visors and of their accessories for drivers and passengers of motorcycles and mopeds**

*1 June 1972*

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***Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 22<sup>2</sup>***

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Andorra.....	11 Apr 2023	Germany <sup>7</sup> .....	8 Mar 1984
Armenia.....	1 Mar 2018	Hungary.....	24 Sep 1979
Austria.....	29 May 1987	Italy.....	4 Apr 1977
Belarus.....	3 Jul 2003	Kyrgyzstan.....	1 Sep 2023
Belgium <sup>3</sup> .....	1 Jun 1972	Latvia.....	19 Nov 1998
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>4</sup> .....	28 Sep 1998 d	Lithuania.....	28 Jan 2002
Croatia <sup>4</sup> .....	17 Mar 1994 d	Luxembourg.....	2 Mar 1983
Czech Republic.....	27 Mar 1995	Malaysia.....	3 Feb 2006
Denmark.....	21 Oct 1976	Montenegro <sup>8</sup> .....	23 Oct 2006 d
Egypt.....	5 Dec 2012	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) <sup>3</sup> .....	1 Jun 1972
Estonia.....	26 May 1999	New Zealand <sup>9</sup> .....	18 Jan 2002
European Union <sup>5,6</sup> .....	23 Jan 1998	North Macedonia <sup>4</sup> .....	1 Apr 1998 d
Finland.....	15 Dec 1977	Norway.....	23 Dec 1987
France.....	17 Mar 1995	Pakistan.....	24 Feb 2020

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Philippines .....	3 May 2023
Poland .....	14 Sep 1992
Republic of Moldova .....	21 Sep 2016
Romania .....	7 Mar 1996
Russian Federation .....	19 Dec 1986
San Marino .....	27 Nov 2015
Serbia <sup>4</sup> .....	12 Mar 2001 d
Slovakia .....	15 Nov 1996

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Slovenia <sup>4</sup> .....	3 Nov 1992 d
Spain .....	4 Oct 1976
Sweden .....	16 Apr 1973
Switzerland .....	3 May 1982
Türkiye .....	8 May 2000
Uganda .....	20 Mar 2023
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland .....	16 May 2000

### 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. 22 as from 16 November 1987. 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> See under "*Declarations and Reservations*" in chapter XI.B.16 for the declaration made by the European Community with regard to the application of Regulation No. 22 to the United Kingdom.

<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 Regulation No. 22 as from 18 May 1980.

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