

16. 23) United Nations Regulation No. 23. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of reversing and manoeuvring lamps for power-driven vehicles and their trailers

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Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 23³

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Armenia	1 Mar 2018	Austria	24 May 1990
Australia.....	1 Jun 2010	Belarus	3 May 1995

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Belgium ⁴	1 Dec 1971	New Zealand ¹⁰	18 Jan 2002
Bosnia and Herzegovina ⁵	28 Sep 1998 d	Nigeria	18 Oct 2018
Croatia ⁵	17 Mar 1994 d	North Macedonia ⁵	1 Apr 1998 d
Czech Republic ⁶	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	4 Jan 1988
European Union ⁷	23 Jan 1998	Republic of Moldova	21 Sep 2016
Finland	15 Mar 1977	Romania	23 Dec 1976
France	29 Aug 1972	Russian Federation	19 Dec 1986
Germany ⁸	14 Sep 1973	San Marino	27 Nov 2015
Greece	4 Oct 1995	Serbia ⁵	12 Mar 2001 d
Hungary	19 Aug 1976	Slovakia ⁶	28 May 1993 d
Italy	6 Mar 1972	Slovenia ⁵	3 Nov 1992 d
Japan	31 Jan 2000	South Africa	18 Apr 2001
Kyrgyzstan	1 Sep 2023	Spain	1 Dec 1971
Latvia	19 Nov 1998	Sweden ¹¹	4 Apr 1972
Lithuania	28 Jan 2002	Switzerland	4 Dec 1995
Luxembourg	5 Aug 1987	Türkiye	8 May 2000
Malaysia	3 Feb 2006	Uganda	23 Aug 2022
Montenegro ⁹	23 Oct 2006 d	Ukraine	9 Aug 2002
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	22 Nov 1972	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	13 Dec 1972

Notes:

¹ Amendments to Regulations No. 23, proposed by the Government of Czechoslovakia, were circulated by the Secretary-General among the Contracting Parties to the Agreement on 28 March 1975. The amendments in question were not accepted, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany having objected thereto by a notification received on 26 June 1975. Having been informed, in a communication received on 7 June 1976, of the withdrawal of that objection, the Secretary-General again circulated the text of the amendments proposed by the Government of Czechoslovakia among the Contracting Parties on 22 October 1976. The amendments then were accepted and entered into force on 22 March 1977.

² For additional references to the texts of the annexed regulations and their amendments, see doc. [TRANS/WP.29/343](#) as updated annually

³ 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.

⁴ Contracting State having proposed the Regulation and date

of entry into force of the Regulation for that State in accordance with article 1 (3).

⁵ It appears from indications given by the former Yugoslavia that it had applied Regulation 23 *de facto* as from 21 May 1983 and the Secretary-General's understanding was that none of the other Contracting Parties concerned objected thereto. 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.

⁶ Czechoslovakia applied Regulation No. 23 as from 30 July 1972. See also note 1 and note 1 under "Czech Republic" and note 1 under "Slovakia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁷ 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.

⁸ The German Democratic Republic applied Regulation No. 23 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:

- [Regulation No. 23 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.

⁹ See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

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

¹¹ Date of entry into force of Regulation No. 23 as indicated by the Contracting State in its notification of application:

<i>Participant:</i>	<i>Date entry into force:</i>
Sweden	1 Dec 1971
Romania	1 May 1977

