

16. 25) United Nations Regulation No. 25. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of head restraints (headrests), whether or not incorporated in vehicle seats

1 March 1972

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1 March 1972, in accordance with article 1(5).

REGISTRATION: 1 March 1972, No. 4789.

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Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 25²

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Armenia	1 Mar 2018	New Zealand ⁹	18 Jan 2002
Belarus	3 May 1995	Nigeria	18 Oct 2018
Belgium	30 Apr 1979	North Macedonia ³	1 Apr 1998 d
Bosnia and Herzegovina ³	28 Sep 1998 d	Norway	23 Dec 1987
Croatia ³	17 Mar 1994 d	Pakistan	24 Feb 2020
Czech Republic ⁴	2 Jun 1993 d	Philippines	3 Nov 2022
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 ⁵	23 Jan 1998	Russian Federation	19 Dec 1986
Finland	15 Dec 1977	San Marino	27 Nov 2015
France ⁶	1 Mar 1972	Serbia ³	12 Mar 2001 d
Germany ⁷	14 Sep 1973	Slovakia ⁴	28 May 1993 d
Greece	4 Oct 1995	Slovenia ³	3 Nov 1992 d
Hungary	20 Jan 1993	South Africa	18 Apr 2001
Italy	24 Jul 1978	Spain	19 Apr 1984
Japan	3 Jul 2002	Sweden	3 Jun 1997
Latvia	19 Nov 1998	Switzerland	4 Dec 1995
Lithuania	28 Jan 2002	Türkiye	8 May 2000
Luxembourg	2 Mar 1984	Uganda	23 Aug 2022
Malaysia	3 Feb 2006	Ukraine	9 Aug 2002
Montenegro ⁸	23 Oct 2006 d	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	13 Dec 1972
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	1 Mar 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 The former Yugoslavia applied Regulation No. 25 as from 18 October 1983. 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.

⁴ Czechoslovakia applied Regulation No. 25 as from 9 December 1975. See also note 1 under "Czech Republic" and note 1 under "Slovakia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁵ 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.

⁶ Contracting State having proposed the Regulation and date of entry into force of the Regulation for that State in accordance with article 1 (3).

⁷ The German Democratic Republic applied Regulation No. 25 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. 25 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.

