

**16. 26) United Nations Regulation No. 26. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to their external projections**

*Geneva, 1 July 1972*

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

**REGISTRATION:** 1 July 1972, No. 4789.

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***Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 26<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	Malaysia.....	3 Feb 2006
Belarus .....	3 May 1995	Montenegro <sup>8</sup> .....	23 Oct 2006 d
Belgium <sup>3</sup> .....	1 Jul 1972	Netherlands (Kingdom of the).....	17 Apr 1981
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>4</sup> .....	28 Sep 1998 d	New Zealand <sup>9</sup> .....	18 Jan 2002
Croatia <sup>4</sup> .....	17 Mar 1994 d	Nigeria .....	18 Oct 2018
Czech Republic <sup>5</sup> .....	2 Jun 1993 d	North Macedonia <sup>4</sup> .....	1 Apr 1998 d
Denmark .....	21 Oct 1976	Norway .....	6 Jan 1999
Egypt.....	5 Dec 2012	Pakistan.....	24 Feb 2020
Estonia .....	26 May 1999	Philippines .....	3 Nov 2022
European Union <sup>6</sup> .....	23 Jan 1998	Poland .....	2 Oct 2001
Finland.....	15 Dec 1977	Republic of Moldova.....	21 Sep 2016
France .....	1 Jul 1972	Romania.....	23 Dec 1976
Germany <sup>7</sup> .....	26 Aug 1975	Russian Federation .....	19 Dec 1986
Greece.....	4 Oct 1995	San Marino .....	27 Nov 2015
Hungary .....	19 Aug 1976	Serbia <sup>4</sup> .....	12 Mar 2001 d
Italy.....	19 Jul 1975	Slovakia <sup>5</sup> .....	28 May 1993 d
Japan .....	1 May 2001	Slovenia .....	2 Aug 1994
Kyrgyzstan.....	1 Sep 2023	Spain .....	1 Aug 1983
Latvia.....	19 Nov 1998	Sweden.....	1 Jul 1972
Lithuania.....	28 Jan 2002	Türkiye.....	8 May 2000
Luxembourg.....	2 Aug 1983	Uganda.....	23 Aug 2022

*Participant*  
Ukraine ..... 9 Aug 2002

*Application of  
regulation,  
Succession(d)*

*Participant*  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland..... 13 Dec 1972

*Application of  
regulation,  
Succession(d)*

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**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. 26 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.

<sup>5</sup> Czechoslovakia applied Regulation No. 26 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.

<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. 26 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. 26 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.

