

16. 28) United Nations Regulation No. 28. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of audible warning devices and of motor vehicles with regard to their audible warning signals

15 January 1973

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 15 January 1973, in accordance with article 1(5).

REGISTRATION: 15 January 1973, No. 4789.

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TEXT: United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 854, p. 194, and doc. E/ECE/324-E/ECE/TRANS/505/Rev.1/ Add.27/Amend.1 (revised text incorporating amendments series 01); vol. 1590, p.455 and doc. TRANS/SC1/WP29/266 and Corr.1 (supplement 2 to the original - English only); depositary notification C.N.95.1992.TREATIES-10 of 16 June 1992 (procès-verbal concerning modifications); C.N.434.2000.TREATIES-1 of 28 June 2000 and doc. TRANS/WP.29/716 (supplement 3 to the original); C.N.392.2015.TREATIES-XI-B-16-28 of 20 July 2015 (proposal of amendments) and C.N.20.2016.TREATIES-XI-B-16-28 of 3 February 2016 (adoption); C.N.176.2017.TREATIES-XI.B.16.28 of 10 April 2017 (Proposal of Amendments) and C.N.646.2017.TREATIES-XI.B.16.28 of 20 October 2017 (adoption); C.N.472.2020.TREATIES-XI.B.16.28 of 27 October 2020 (Amendments).¹

Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 28²

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Andorra	23 Sep 2025	Malaysia.....	3 Feb 2006
Armenia	1 Mar 2018	Mongolia.....	29 Apr 2026
Australia.....	24 Dec 2024	Montenegro ⁸	23 Oct 2006 d
Austria	31 Mar 1981	Netherlands (Kingdom of the).....	22 Apr 1985
Belarus	3 May 1995	Nigeria	18 Oct 2018
Belgium	12 Aug 1976	North Macedonia ³	1 Apr 1998 d
Bosnia and Herzegovina ³	28 Sep 1998 d	Norway	23 Dec 1987
Bulgaria	22 Nov 1999	Pakistan.....	24 Feb 2020
Croatia ³	17 Mar 1994 d	Philippines	3 Nov 2022
Czech Republic ⁴	2 Jun 1993 d	Poland	14 Sep 1992
Denmark	21 Oct 1976	Republic of Moldova.....	21 Sep 2016
Egypt.....	5 Dec 2012	Romania.....	23 Dec 1976
Estonia	26 May 1999	Russian Federation	19 Dec 1986
European Union ⁵	23 Jan 1998	San Marino	27 Nov 2015
Finland.....	6 May 1988	Serbia ³	12 Mar 2001 d
France ⁶	15 Jan 1973	Slovakia ⁴	28 May 1993 d
Germany ⁷	26 Aug 1975	Slovenia ³	3 Nov 1992 d
Greece.....	4 Oct 1995	Spain ⁶	15 Jan 1973
Hungary	19 Aug 1976	Sweden.....	9 Apr 1973
Italy	27 Jun 1973	Switzerland	4 Dec 1995
Japan	25 Sep 1998	Türkiye.....	13 May 1999
Latvia	19 Nov 1998	Uganda.....	23 Aug 2022
Lithuania.....	28 Jan 2002	Ukraine	9 Aug 2002
Luxembourg.....	2 Mar 1984	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	2 Apr 1975

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regulation,
Succession(d)*

Participant

Uzbekistan 20 Oct 2025

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. 28 as from 31 January 1985. 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. 28 as from 3 November 1985. 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 (63).

⁷ The German Democratic Republic applied Regulation No. 28 as from 23 June 1979.

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. 28 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.