

**16. 3) United Nations Regulation No. 3. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of retro-reflecting devices for power-driven vehicles and their trailers**

*Geneva, 1 November 1963*

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***Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 3<sup>2</sup>***

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Albania.....	6 Sep 2011	Belgium .....	22 Jul 1969
Armenia .....	1 Mar 2018	Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>3</sup> .....	28 Sep 1998 d
Australia.....	1 Jun 2010	Croatia <sup>3</sup> .....	17 Mar 1994 d
Austria .....	1 Mar 1972	Czech Republic <sup>4</sup> .....	2 Jun 1993 d
Belarus .....	3 May 1995	Denmark .....	21 Oct 1976

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Egypt.....	5 Dec 2012
Estonia.....	26 May 1999
European Union <sup>5</sup> .....	23 Jan 1998
Finland.....	19 Jul 1976
France <sup>6</sup> .....	1 Nov 1963
Germany <sup>7</sup> .....	29 Nov 1965
Greece.....	4 Oct 1995
Hungary.....	10 Mar 1965
Italy.....	22 Apr 1964
Japan <sup>8</sup> .....	25 Sep 1998
Latvia.....	19 Nov 1998
Lithuania.....	28 Jan 2002
Luxembourg.....	5 Aug 1987
Malaysia.....	3 Feb 2006
Montenegro <sup>9</sup> .....	23 Oct 2006 d
Netherlands <sup>10</sup> .....	10 Jan 1966
New Zealand <sup>11</sup> .....	18 Jan 2002
Nigeria.....	18 Oct 2018

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
North Macedonia <sup>3</sup> .....	1 Apr 1998 d
Norway.....	23 Dec 1987
Pakistan.....	24 Feb 2020
Poland.....	2 Jun 1983
Republic of Moldova.....	21 Sep 2016
Romania.....	23 Dec 1976
Russian Federation.....	19 Dec 1986
San Marino.....	27 Nov 2015
Serbia <sup>3</sup> .....	12 Mar 2001 d
Slovakia <sup>4</sup> .....	28 May 1993 d
Slovenia <sup>3</sup> .....	3 Nov 1992 d
South Africa.....	18 Apr 2001
Spain.....	28 Dec 1965
Sweden.....	1 Jul 1966
Switzerland.....	4 Dec 1995
Turkey.....	8 May 2000
Ukraine.....	9 Aug 2002
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>6</sup> .....	1 Nov 1963

### 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> The former Yugoslavia applied Regulation No. 3 as from 26 May 1969. 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>4</sup> Czechoslovakia applied Regulation No. 3 as from 16 February 1964. 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>5</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>6</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>7</sup> The German Democratic Republic applied Regulation No. 3 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, *inter alia*, of the following:

- [Regulation No. 3 which has] 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> In its instrument of accession the Government of Japan stated, *inter alia* , that it was bound by Regulation No. 3 (Revision 2).

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

<sup>10</sup> For the Kingdom in Europe.

<sup>11</sup> See note 1 under "New Zealand" regarding Tokelau in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

