

**16. 31) United Nations Regulation No. 31. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of power-driven vehicle's halogen sealed-beam headlamps (HSB) emitting a European asymmetrical passing beam or a driving beam or both**

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**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 1 May 1975, in accordance with article 1(5).

**REGISTRATION:** 1 May 1975, No. 4789.

**STATUS:** Parties: 33.

**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 966, p. 340 and doc. E/ECE/324-E/ECE/TRANS/505/ Rev.1/Add.30; depositary notification C.N.200.1982.TREATIES-25 of 7 September 1982 and vol.1300, p. 368 (amendment series 01); C.N.229.1987.TREATIES-43 of 0 October 1987 and doc. TRANS/SC1/WP29/142 (amendments series 02); vol. 1559, p. 336 and doc. TRANS/SC1/WP29/238(supplement 1 to amendments series 02); vol. 1693, p. 92 and docs. TRANS/SC1/WP29/310 and 306 (supplement 2 to amendments series 02); vol. 1871, p. 471 (procès-verbal concerning modifications); vol. 1963, p. 419 and doc. TRANS/WP.29/497 (supplement 3 to amendments series 02); vol. 2013, p. 518 and doc. TRANS.WP.29/569 (supplement 4 to amendments series 02); C.N.1332.2005.TREATIES-1 of 4 January 2006 and doc. TRANS/WP.29/2005/65 (supplement 5 to amendments série 02) and C.N.524.2006.TREATIES-1 of 10 July 2006 (adoption); C.N.604.2006.TREATIES-1 of 2 August 2006 and doc. TRANS/WP.29/2006/55+Amend.1 (supplement 6 to amendments series 02) and C.N.74.2007.TREATIES-1 of 5 February 2007 (adoption); C.N.289.2008.TREATIES-1 of 15 April 2008 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2008/16 (supplement 7 to amendments series 02) and C.N.792.2008.TREATIES-2 of 28 October 2008 (adoption); C.N.20.2013.TREATIES-XI.B.16.31 of 15 January 2013 (proposal of amendments) and C.N.447.2013.TREATIES-XI.B.16.31 of 24 July 2013 (adoption); C.N.984.2013.TREATIES-IX.B.16.31 of 10 December 2013 (proposal of amendments including to the English title only) and C.N.382.2014.TREATIES-XI.B.16.31 of 17 June 2014 (adoption).<sup>1</sup>

***Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 31<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	Nigeria .....	18 Oct 2018
Australia.....	1 Jun 2010	Norway .....	25 Mar 1993
Belarus .....	3 Jul 2003	Pakistan.....	24 Feb 2020
Croatia .....	2 Feb 2001	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 <sup>3</sup> .....	23 Jan 1998	Russian Federation .....	8 Feb 1996
Finland.....	19 Jul 1976	San Marino .....	27 Nov 2015
Hungary .....	24 Sep 1979	Slovakia .....	15 Nov 1996
Kyrgyzstan.....	1 Sep 2023	South Africa.....	18 Apr 2001
Latvia .....	19 Nov 1998	Sweden <sup>5</sup> .....	1 May 1975
Lithuania.....	28 Jan 2002	Switzerland .....	4 Dec 1995
Luxembourg.....	24 Mar 1997	Türkiye.....	14 Jul 2003
Malaysia.....	3 Feb 2006	Uganda.....	23 Aug 2022
Netherlands (Kingdom of the).....	7 May 1975	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	1 May 1975
New Zealand <sup>4</sup> .....	18 Jan 2002		

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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> 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>4</sup> See note 1 under "New Zealand" regarding Tokelau in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>5</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).

