

16. 37) United Nations Regulation No. 37. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of filament light sources for use in approved lamps of power-driven vehicles and of their trailers

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August 2007 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2007/52 (modifications); C.N.778.2007.TREATIES-2 of 2 August 2007 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2007/51 (modifications); C.N.782.2007.TREATIES-1 of 3 August 2007 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2007/54 + Amend.1 (supplement 29 to amendments series 03) and C.N.135.2008.TREATIES-1 of 26 February 2008 (adoption); C.N.1214.2007.TREATIES-2 of 11 January 2008 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2007/64 + Amend.1 + amendments referred to in para. 46 of the report of the session (supplement 30 to amendments series 03) and C.N.487.2008.TREATIES-3 of 14 July 2008 (adoption); C.N.291.2008.TREATIES-2 of 15 April 2008 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2008/17 (supplement 31 to amendments series 03) and C.N.795.2008.TREATIES-4 of 28 October 2008 (adoption); C.N.31.2009.TREATIES-1 of 22 January 2009 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2008/84 (supplement 32 to amendments series 03) and C.N.439.2009.TREATIES-3 of 22 July 2009 (adoption); C.N.206.2009.TREATIES-2 of 24 April 2009 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2009/18 and Corr.1 (supplement 33 to amendments series 03) and C.N.760.2009.TREATIES-4 of 27 October 2009 (adoption); C.N.559.2009.TREATIES-4 of 17 September 2009 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2009/78 (modifications); C.N.561.2009.TREATIES-5 of 17 September 2009 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2009/79 (modifications); C.N.81.2010.TREATIES-1 of 19 February 2010 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2009/87 (Supplement 34 to amendments series 03) and C.N.502.2010.TR-4 of 19 August 2010 (Adoption); C.N.123.2010.TREATIES-2 of 3 March 2010 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2009/86 (modifications); C.N.288.2010.TREATIES-2 of 16 June 2010 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2010/16 (modifications); C.N.301.2010.TREATIES-1 of 9 June 2010 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2010/17 (supplement 35 to 03) (proposal of amendments) and C.N.722.2010.TREATIES-5 of 10 December 2010 (adoption); C.N.794.2010.TREATIES-6 of 23 December 2010 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2010/103 (modifications); C.N.795.2010.TREATIES-7 of 23 December 2010 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2010/104 (modifications); C.N.818.2010.TREATIES-8 of 23 December 2010 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2010/96 (Supplement 36 to the 03 series of amendments) (proposals of amendments) and C.N.353.2011.TREATIES-5 of 23 June 2011 (adoption of amendments); C.N.150.2011.TREATIES-1 of 28 April 2011 (modifications) and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2011/22 (Corrigendum 2 to Supplement 34 to the 03 series of amendments); C.N.151.2011.TREATIES-2 of 28 April 2011 (modifications) and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2011/23 (Corrigendum 2 to Supplement 35 to the 03 series of amendments); C.N.152.2011.TREATIES-3 of 28 April 2011 (modifications) and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2011/24 (Corrigendum 2 to Supplement 36 to the 03 series of amendments); C.N.212.2011.TREATIES-4 of 28 April 2011 (proposal of amendments) and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2011/10 (Supplement 37 to the 03 series of amendments) and C.N.719.2011.TREATIES-6 of 2 November 2011 (adoption); C.N.843.2011.TREATIES-7 of 26 January 2012 (proposal of amendments) and C.N.431.2012.TREATIES-XI.B.16.37 of 3 August 2012 (adoption of amendments); C.N.251.2012.TREATIES-XI.B.16.37 of 18 May 2012 (corrections); C.N.228.2012.TREATIES-XI.B.16.37 of 18 May 2012 (proposal of amendments) and C.N.658.2012.TREATIES-XI.B.16.37 of 26 November 2012 (adoption); C.N.21.2013.TREATIES-XI.B.16.37 of 15 January 2013 (proposal of amendments) and C.N.459.2013.TREATIES-XI.B.16.37 of 24 July 2013 (adoption); C.N.230.2013.TREATIES-XI.B.16.37 of 3 May 2013 (proposal of amendments) and C.N.940.2013.TREATIES-XI.B.16.37 of 21 November 2013 (adoption); C.N.985.2013.TREATIES-IX.B.16.37 of 10 December 2013 (proposal of amendments) and C.N.383.2014.TREATIES-XI.B.16.37 of 17 June 2014 (adoption); C.N.765.2014.TREATIES-IX.B.16.37 of 15 December 2014 (proposal of amendments) and C.N.340.2015.TREATIES-XI.B.16.37 of 19 June 2015 (adoption); C.N.226.2015.TREATIES-IX.B.16.37 of 8 April 2015 (proposal of amendments) and C.N.575.2015.TREATIES-XI.B.16.37 of 2 November 2015 (adoption); C.N.923.2016.TREATIES-XI.B.16.37 of 22 December 2016 (proposal of amendments) and C.N.356.2017.TREATIES-XI.B.16.37 of 10 July 2017 (adoption); C.N.500.2018.TREATIES-XI.B.16.37 of 29 October 2018 (Amendments); C.N.261.2019.TREATIES-XI.B.16.37 of 14 June 2019 (Amendments); C.N.201.2022.TREATIES-XI.B.16.37 of 25 July 2022 (Amendments).²

Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 37³

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Armenia	1 Mar 2018	Belarus	3 May 1995
Australia.....	1 Jun 2010	Belgium	7 Aug 1978
Austria	9 Nov 1981	Bosnia and Herzegovina ¹	28 Sep 1998 d

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Croatia ¹	17 Mar 1994 d
Czech Republic ⁴	2 Jun 1993 d
Denmark	23 Jan 1978
Egypt.....	5 Dec 2012
Estonia	26 May 1999
European Union ⁵	23 Jan 1998
Finland.....	1 Feb 1978
France	4 May 1978
Germany ^{6,7}	1 Feb 1978
Greece.....	4 Oct 1995
Hungary	24 Sep 1979
Italy	16 Jun 1978
Japan	22 May 2015
Latvia	19 Nov 1998
Lithuania	28 Jan 2002
Luxembourg.....	2 Aug 1985
Malaysia.....	3 Feb 2006
Montenegro ⁸	23 Oct 2006 d
Netherlands (Kingdom of the) ⁶	1 Feb 1978
New Zealand ⁹	18 Jan 2002
Nigeria	18 Oct 2018

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
North Macedonia ¹	1 Apr 1998 d
Norway	23 Dec 1987
Pakistan.....	24 Feb 2020
Philippines	3 Nov 2022
Poland	2 Jun 1983
Republic of Moldova.....	21 Sep 2016
Romania.....	2 Jul 1979
Russian Federation	19 Dec 1986
San Marino	27 Nov 2015
Serbia ¹	12 Mar 2001 d
Slovakia ⁴	28 May 1993 d
Slovenia ¹	3 Nov 1992 d
South Africa.....	18 Apr 2001
Spain	27 Nov 1979
Sweden.....	3 Sep 1980
Switzerland	4 Dec 1995
Türkiye.....	8 May 2000
Uganda.....	23 Aug 2022
Ukraine	9 Aug 2002
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	1 Feb 1978

Notes:

¹ It appears from the indications given by the former Yugoslavia that it had applied Regulation 37 *de facto* as from 15 February 1982, and the Secretary-General's understanding was that none of the other Contracting Parties concerned objected thereto. 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.

² For additional references to the texts of the annexed regulations and their amendments, see doc. [TRANS/WP.29/343](#) as updated annually.

³ 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.

⁴ Czechoslovakia applied Regulation No. 37 as from 11 November 1980. 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. 37 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. 37 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.”

Moreover, it should be noted that Regulation No. 37 was proposed by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany...

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.

