

16. 39) United Nations Regulation No. 39. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the speedometer and odometer equipment including its installation

20 November 1978

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Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 39²

| <i>Participant</i> | <i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i> | <i>Participant</i> | <i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i> |
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| Armenia | 1 Mar 2018 | Luxembourg..... | 2 Mar 1984 |
| Australia..... | 1 Jun 2010 | Malaysia..... | 3 Feb 2006 |
| Belarus..... | 3 May 1995 | Montenegro ⁸ | 23 Oct 2006 d |
| Belgium | 30 Apr 1979 | Netherlands..... | 22 Apr 1985 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina ³ | 28 Sep 1998 d | Nigeria | 18 Oct 2018 |
| Bulgaria | 22 Nov 1999 | North Macedonia ³ | 1 Apr 1998 d |
| Croatia ³ | 17 Mar 1994 d | Norway | 23 Dec 1987 |
| Czech Republic ⁴ | 2 Jun 1993 d | Pakistan..... | 24 Feb 2020 |
| Denmark | 19 Sep 1979 | Poland | 2 Oct 2001 |
| Egypt..... | 5 Dec 2012 | Republic of Moldova..... | 21 Sep 2016 |
| Estonia | 26 May 1999 | Romania..... | 2 Jul 1979 |
| European Union ⁵ | 23 Jan 1998 | Russian Federation | 19 Dec 1986 |
| Finland..... | 11 Feb 1991 | San Marino | 27 Nov 2015 |
| France ⁶ | 20 Nov 1978 | Serbia ³ | 12 Mar 2001 d |
| Germany ⁷ | 14 Apr 1983 | Slovakia ⁴ | 28 May 1993 d |
| Greece..... | 4 Oct 1995 | Slovenia ³ | 3 Nov 1992 d |
| Hungary | 24 Sep 1979 | Sweden..... | 21 Nov 1978 |
| Italy..... | 27 Mar 1979 | Turkey..... | 16 Jan 2001 |
| Japan | 1 May 2001 | Ukraine | 9 Aug 2002 |
| Latvia..... | 19 Nov 1998 | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland..... | 20 Nov 1978 |
| Lithuania..... | 28 Jan 2002 | | |

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. 39 as from 6 November 1984. 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. 39 as from 29 December 1981. 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. 39 as from 18 May 1980.

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. 39 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.

