

16. 4) United Nations Regulation No. 4. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of devices for the illumination of rear registration plates of power-driven vehicles and their trailers

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Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 4²

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Albania.....	6 Sep 2011	Denmark	21 Oct 1976
Armenia	1 Mar 2018	Egypt.....	5 Dec 2012
Australia.....	1 Jun 2010	Estonia	26 May 1999
Austria	1 Mar 1972	European Union ⁶	23 Jan 1998
Belarus	3 May 1995	Finland.....	15 Mar 1977
Belgium ³	15 Apr 1964	France	7 May 1964
Bosnia and Herzegovina ⁴	28 Sep 1998 d	Germany ⁷	29 Nov 1965
Croatia ⁴	17 Mar 1994 d	Greece.....	4 Oct 1995
Czech Republic ⁵	2 Jun 1993 d	Hungary	10 Mar 1965

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Italy ³	15 Apr 1964
Japan.....	22 May 2015
Kyrgyzstan.....	1 Sep 2023
Latvia.....	19 Nov 1998
Lithuania.....	28 Jan 2002
Luxembourg.....	5 Aug 1987
Malaysia.....	3 Feb 2006
Montenegro ⁸	23 Oct 2006 d
Netherlands (Kingdom of the).....	11 Nov 1970
New Zealand ⁹	18 Jan 2002
Nigeria.....	18 Oct 2018
North Macedonia ⁴	1 Apr 1998 d
Norway.....	23 Dec 1987
Pakistan.....	24 Feb 2020
Philippines.....	3 Nov 2022

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
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 ⁴	12 Mar 2001 d
Slovakia ⁵	28 May 1993 d
Slovenia ⁴	3 Nov 1992 d
Spain.....	28 Dec 1965
Sweden.....	7 May 1971
Switzerland.....	4 Dec 1995
Türkiye.....	8 May 2000
Uganda.....	23 Aug 2022
Ukraine.....	9 Aug 2002
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	27 Jul 1967

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 Contracting State having proposed the Regulation and date of entry into force of the Regulation for that State in accordance with article 1 (3).

⁴ The former Yugoslavia applied Regulation No. 4 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.

⁵ Czechoslovakia applied Regulation No. 4 as from 17 June 1969. See also note 1 under “Czech Republic” and note 1 under “Slovakia” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

⁶ 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.

⁷ The German Democratic Republic applied Regulation No. 4 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. 4 which has] been applied by both the Federal Republic of Germany 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.

⁹ See note 1 under "New Zealand" regarding Tokelau in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

