

16. 53) United Nations Regulation No. 53. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of category L3 vehicles with regard to the installation of lighting and light-signalling devices

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Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 53³

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Armenia	1 Mar 2018	Montenegro ⁹	23 Oct 2006 d
Australia.....	1 Jun 2010	Netherlands.....	3 Mar 1988
Belarus.....	3 May 1995	Nigeria.....	18 Oct 2018
Belgium.....	6 May 1983	North Macedonia ⁴	1 Apr 1998 d
Bosnia and Herzegovina ⁴	28 Sep 1998 d	Norway.....	6 Jan 1999
Croatia ⁴	17 Mar 1994 d	Pakistan.....	24 Feb 2020
Czech Republic ⁵	2 Jun 1993 d	Poland.....	14 Sep 1992
Egypt.....	5 Dec 2012	Republic of Moldova.....	21 Sep 2016
European Union ⁶	23 Jan 1998	Romania.....	7 Mar 1996
Finland.....	14 Jul 1988	Russian Federation ¹⁰	6 Jan 1988
France.....	9 Jun 1994	San Marino.....	27 Nov 2015
Germany ^{7,8}	6 Aug 1986	Serbia ⁴	12 Mar 2001 d
Hungary.....	26 Jan 1984	Slovakia ⁵	28 May 1993 d
Italy ⁸	1 Feb 1983	Slovenia ⁴	3 Nov 1992 d
Japan.....	27 Jul 2020	Sweden.....	29 Oct 1983
Latvia.....	19 Nov 1998	Turkey.....	8 May 2000
Lithuania.....	28 Jan 2002	Ukraine.....	21 Jan 2010
Luxembourg.....	29 Jun 1990	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	5 Jul 1995
Malaysia.....	3 Feb 2006		

Notes:

¹ The amendments were adopted and are binding upon all Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 53 as from 9 September 2001, except for Yugoslavia. Pursuant to article 12 (3) of the Agreement, the amendments will enter into force for Yugoslavia two months after the period of six months following the date of the notification by the Secretary-General of the proposed amendment, i.e. 9 November 2001.

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 The former Yugoslavia applied Regulation No. 53 as from 31 January 1985. 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. 53 as from 30 July 1984. 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. 53 as from 1 February 1983.

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. 53 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. 53 was proposed by the Government of the German Democratic Republic.

See also note 2 under “Germany” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume..

⁸ Contracting State having proposed the Regulation and date of entry into force of the Regulation for that State in accordance with article 1 (3).

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

¹⁰ Date of entry into force of Regulation No. 53 as indicated by the contracting State in its notification of application:

<i>Participant:</i>	<i>Date entry into force:</i>
Russian Federation	1 Jan 1988

