

16. 78) United Nations Regulation No. 78. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles of categories L1, L2, L3, L4 and L5 with regard to braking

15 October 1988

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Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 78²

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Armenia	1 Mar 2018	Germany ⁷	14 Jan 1991
Australia.....	1 Jun 2010	Hungary	7 Nov 1990
Belarus	3 May 1995	Italy ⁶	15 Oct 1988
Belgium	20 Oct 1989	Japan	19 Apr 2007
Bosnia and Herzegovina ³	28 Sep 1998 d	Latvia.....	19 Nov 1998
Croatia ³	17 Mar 1994 d	Lithuania.....	28 Jan 2002
Czech Republic ⁴	2 Jun 1993 d	Luxembourg.....	29 Jun 1990
Egypt.....	5 Dec 2012	Malaysia.....	3 Feb 2006
Estonia	26 May 1999	Montenegro ⁸	23 Oct 2006 d
European Union ⁵	23 Jan 1998	Netherlands (Kingdom of the).....	28 Nov 1988
Finland.....	11 Feb 1991	Nigeria	18 Oct 2018
France ⁶	15 Oct 1988	North Macedonia ³	1 Apr 1998 d

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Norway	6 Jan 1999	Slovakia ⁴	28 May 1993 d
Pakistan.....	24 Feb 2020	Slovenia ³	3 Nov 1992 d
Philippines	3 Nov 2022	Spain	30 Mar 1992
Poland	14 Sep 1992	Sweden.....	17 Jun 1993
Republic of Moldova.....	21 Sep 2016	Türkiye.....	8 May 2000
Romania.....	7 Mar 1996	Uganda.....	20 Mar 2023
Russian Federation	8 Feb 1996	Ukraine	9 Aug 2002
San Marino	27 Nov 2015	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	22 Jun 1990
Serbia ³	12 Mar 2001 d		

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. 78 as from 21 February 1989. 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. 78 as from 1 January 1990. 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. 78 as from 24 April 1989.

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. 78 which had] so far been applied only by the German Democratic Republic shall be applied by the Federal Republic of Germany as from 3 October 1990, the date when the German Democratic Republic acceded to the Federal Republic of Germany:

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.

