

16. 79) United Nations Regulation No. 79. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to steering equipment

1 December 1988

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Note: *[As indicated in the document of the Economic and Social Council (doc. TRANS/WP.29/343/Rev.3). The lack of numerical order in the sequence of supplements is due to circumstances pertaining to the establishment of the relevant documentation by the ECE.]

Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 79²

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Armenia	1 Mar 2018	Australia.....	24 Dec 2024

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Belarus	3 May 1995	Nigeria	18 Oct 2018
Belgium	8 Jun 1990	North Macedonia	20 Jun 2002
Croatia	2 Feb 2001	Norway	25 Mar 1993
Czech Republic ³	2 Jun 1993 d	Pakistan.....	24 Feb 2020
Egypt.....	5 Dec 2012	Philippines	3 May 2023
Estonia	26 May 1999	Poland	23 May 2000
European Union ⁴	23 Jan 1998	Republic of Moldova.....	21 Sep 2016
Finland.....	11 Feb 1991	Romania.....	26 Jul 1994
France ⁵	1 Dec 1988	Russian Federation	8 Feb 1996
Germany	11 Dec 1991	San Marino	27 Nov 2015
Greece.....	4 Oct 1995	Serbia.....	19 Mar 2008
Hungary	7 Nov 1990	Slovakia ³	28 May 1993 d
Italy.....	4 May 1989	Slovenia	16 May 1996
Japan	17 Jun 2014	Sweden.....	17 Jun 1993
Latvia.....	19 Nov 1998	Switzerland.....	4 Dec 1995
Lithuania.....	28 Jan 2002	Türkiye.....	9 Dec 1999
Luxembourg.....	29 Jun 1990	Uganda.....	20 Mar 2023
Malaysia.....	3 Feb 2006	Ukraine	9 Aug 2002
Netherlands (Kingdom of the).....	5 May 1992	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ⁵	1 Dec 1988

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 Czechoslovakia applied Regulation No. 79 as from 9 June 1991. See also note 1 under “Czech Republic” and note 1 under “Slovakia” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Contracting State having proposed the Regulation and date of entry into force of the Regulation for that State in accordance with article 1 (3).