

Use of private standards in Regulations managed by WP.29

Best practices

1. Introduction

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1. The World Forum of the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) suggested its GRs to adopt proposals referring to standards only if they would be in the position to review and assess them.
2. Following the discussions at WP.29 on the use of standards in Regulations managed by WP.29, the Secretary of WP.29 proposed to list good practices for review by AC.2 and WP.29.

2. Reference to standards in UN Regulations, UN GTRs and UN Rules

3. When referring to standards in Regulations, the use of standard is made in the form of a direct reference (referring to the standard number and its date) to ease common interpretation of the Regulations.
4. In case the reference is made to a short extracts of a given standard, the author of a proposal may consider copying/reproducing this part of the given standard in his proposal instead of referring to it. Note: ISO and IEC gave the authorization to reproduce up to ten per cent of a given standard into a Regulation without formal authorization.
5. For the case of standards on dummy specifications (especially ISO and SAE), AC.3 and WP.29 established the Mutual Resolution No. 1 (M.R.1), aiming at reproducing the full set of drawings and specifications of test tools and devices necessary for compliance assessment. Chairs of IWGs, in some cases, successfully negotiated and obtained full set of drawings and specifications from dummy manufacturers.

3. Access by WP.29 delegates to standards

6. At the request of WP.29 or one of its subsidiary bodies, the UNECE secretariat would contact the relevant standard organization and request an electronic copy of a given standard that can be made available to the Experts and Delegates. This process is proposed awaiting synergies and future solutions, using e.g. new technologies such as virtual public libraries.
7. At the 107th GRSG session, upon the request of UNECE secretariat, ISO provided the text of two standards. The standards were published on the UNECE webpage as informal document GRSG-107-28, which was protected by a password for consultation of GRSG experts only.

4. Co-operation with the International Standard Organization (ISO)

8. Most of the standards referenced in the Regulations managed by WP.29 are produced by ISO. At this stage, ISO accepted to provide copies to the GRs dealing with their standards. GRs may consider inviting the ISO secretariat to present the content of the said standard and to provide further information.
 9. In the case of GRB, for a long time already, the Chair of the relevant ISO technical committee is playing this role, presenting the content of standards and answering the questions raised by GRB experts. GRE is receiving such information from the IEC expert. This practice could be extended to other GRs.
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