

Nineteenth Plenary Meeting of the Working Group on Off-Cycle Emissions

16 January 2008, Palais des Nations Geneva

The 19th plenary meeting of the Off-Cycle Informal Working Group was called to order at approximately 9:30AM by Chairman, Todd Sherwood. Attendees of the meeting are documented in the attached file entitled (19th OCE WG Attendees. PDF)

Agenda Item 1

Review of 19th Meeting Draft Agenda

The 19th meeting draft agenda was reviewed by the working group and approved without revision or comment.

Agenda Item 2

Review and approval of 17th OCE Plenary Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the 17th OCE plenary meeting held in Geneva, June 2007 was reviewed by the working group and approved without revision or comment.

Agenda Item 3

Update from 18th Meeting in San Francisco, October 2007

- *Defeat strategy definition (EC proposal)*

Phillip Good provided the group with the rationale for EC proposal to scale back defeat strategy definition. This topic was identified as an open issue. It was suggested that this item be added as an agenda topic for the next informal working group meeting in Tokyo.

- *WNTE zone (OICA proposal)*

Juergen Stein briefed members on the OICA proposal. The group agreed to discuss the possible alignment of WHDC N_{high} and N_{low} at their next meeting. It was noted that this proposal would result in a zone slightly larger than that of the US NTE zone.

- *WNTE emission limits (OICA proposal)*

The proposed change was meant to ensure that the WNTE would never be zero and that one set of adjustment equations would be applicable to varied levels of possible worldwide emission limit stringencies.

- *WNTE ambient & operating conditions (OICA proposal)*

The proposal was meant to focus on barometric pressure rather than altitude, as engines sense barometric pressure not altitude.

- *WNTE lab based test procedure (OICA & EC proposals)*

The group discussed both proposals at length. It was agreed that the secretary would arrange for a working group conference call to the EC proposal further and prior to the Geneva 2008 meeting. This conference call occurred on 7 December 2007 (see below).

Agenda Item 4

Update from 7 December 2007 Phone Conference

- *Options for OCE lab test (EC update)*

Phillip Good indicated that the Commission was continued to discuss their 3 option proposal and were confident a lab based procedure could be developed in time for the gtr to be presented as an informal document by June 2008.

- *WNTE emission limits (Netherlands proposal & OICA re-proposal)*

The group discussed the re-proposals, both with the intent of simplifying the equations that were considered in San Francisco in Oct 2007.

Agenda Item 5Presentations from Members (if any)

There were no presentations given by the informal working group members.

Agenda Item 6Review of OCE time line

Resolution of the lab based test procedure was noted as the key stumbling block in the gtr being presented as an informal document to GRPE by June 2008.

Agenda Item 7Future OCE meeting schedule

The informal working group will meet as follows:

April 8-9, 2008 at the JASIC facilities in Tokyo, Japan

June 2008 as part of the 56th GRPE Session in Geneva, Switzerland