

**Introduction of the DETA database in the revised 1958 Agreement**

An informal group of WP.29 develops the possibility of a database for the exchange of Type approvals (DETA) between the contracting parties of the 1958 Agreement and the UNECE secretariat which is based on the decision made by WP.29 in its 142<sup>nd</sup> session.

For a good functioning of such a system and providing the users all possible benefits it is necessary that finally all Contracting Parties of the 1958 Agreement will apply that system when granting (type)approvals and that no other means of communication (like paper distribution or distribution of CD-ROM's) for obligations given in the UNECE-regulations will be used.

In addition it is also necessary that the organisation of an exchange system has a legal status in order to improve the acceptance of the system, to maintain and to improve the system and to ensure that the system will remain available in future. For these reasons the informal group DETA has at the moment a board (new group of reporters?) in mind with members, an elected chairperson and an elected secretary.

Even when not all details for DETA are available yet, the informal DETA group recognizes that DETA, its procedures and the rights and obligations of the users have to be anchored in the international legislation. Therefore the informal group on DETA request the informal group IWVTA, that develops the possibility for such an approval and that prepares amendments to the 1958-Agreement and its Annexes, to take account of this by creating a legal basis for DETA and the mandatory application of the system.

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