

Informal Group on Retrofit Emission Control systems

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Dear participants of GRPE,

The informal group on retrofit emission control systems (REC) is still dealing with the question of how to have two stringency levels in one UN Regulation.

With guidance from the last GRPE the approach has been to start with the lower level, and to add the higher level in an 01 series of amendments.

The March 2012 meeting of WP29 has, however, drawn our attention to the fact that, according to article 12 item 2 of the 1958 UN Agreement (Rev1), an amendment of a UN Regulation will mean that the unamended version of it will no longer apply unless at least 20% of the contracting parties will continue accepting products approved in accordance with the unamended version.

The group has now identified the following solution:

1. Proceed with the two-step approach after verification that enough parties will accept the unamended Regulation after amendment 01 has come into force.
2. If condition 1 is not fulfilled: skip the lower stringency level.

It would be very helpful to the group if the parties considering subscribing to the new UN Regulation on REC could indicate [at least informally] whether they intend to accept approvals based on level 1 after introduction of the 01 series of amendments incorporating level 2, and do so in writing or by email in advance of the June 2012 meeting of GRPE.

Please send your response to me or to the secretariat of the REC group, Dirk Bosteels.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. B.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Henk Baarbé
REC Chairman