

*Department for*  
**Transport**

Contracting Parties to the 1998  
Agreement and Stakeholders

Dear Colleague,

**PASSENGER CAR BRAKING GTR**

As you know the passenger car braking GTR informal group was suspended in November 2005 to allow extra resources to be focussed on the motorcycle braking GTR. The outstanding technical issues related mainly to ABS testing and these were considered in detail earlier this year and a successful solution found. The GTR was adopted at the 140<sup>th</sup> session of WP29 in November.

As chairman of the informal group on the passenger car GTR, I reported to AC3 that the technical sponsors intended to gauge opinion on the priority of the braking GTR with contracting parties and stakeholders before restarting. I highlighted the need to ensure adequate resources would be available for this topic given the large number of GTRs currently under development. The introduction of a new work item on Electronic Stability Control (ESC) is likely during 2007 and this could add a considerable workload to the braking experts who normally would be developing the braking GTR. Following the discussion in the November session I agreed to report to AC3 at the next session in March.

There are three main issues upon which I should appreciate your views.

- i) Do you consider the passenger car braking GTR to be a sufficiently high priority to either improve road safety or harmonising of existing regulations to restart work?
- ii) If the braking GTR informal group were to restart are you able to commit resources to support its activities by attending meetings and/or contributing research?
- iii) If you are not able to commit resources to support it, should the GTR be placed on an exchange of information basis in GRRF until such time as adequate resources become available ?

I am grateful for your time in considering these issues and hope you will recognise the sponsors' intention to restart the GTR provided sufficient support is identified. It would be helpful to receive your reply by 28 February 2007

Best wishes,

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