

# WP 29 1958 AGREEMENT A VIEW FROM INDIA

Presentation at the Special Session to  
commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
the 1958 agreement  
June 26 2008 Geneva

# WP 29 1958 AGREEMENT A VIEW FROM INDIA

- ▶ Indian Automotive Sector
  - ▶ Automotive Regulations in India
  - ▶ India and Global integration
  - ▶ The 1958 Agreement
- 

# The Indian Automotive Sector

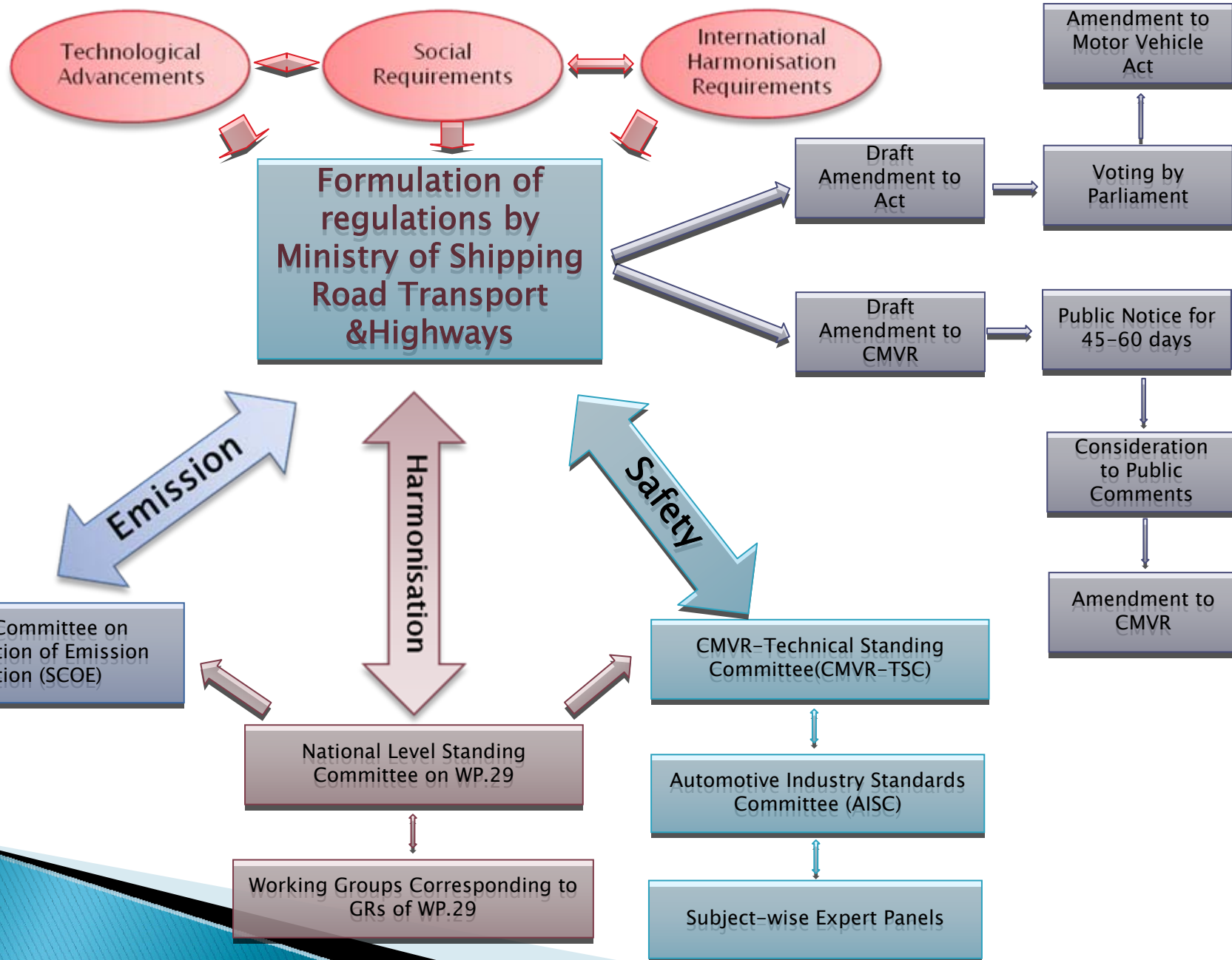
- ▶ The Largest Tractor producer
- ▶ The Second largest Two wheeler producer
- ▶ The Second largest Bus producer
- ▶ The Eight largest CV producer
- ▶ The Ninth Largest Car producer
- ▶ Major producer of automotive components

Governments Automotive Mission Plan: Market projected to grow by 5 times by 2016

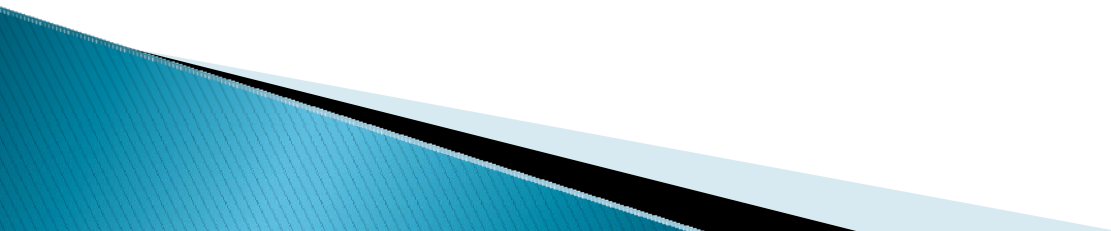
# Most major manufacturers present in India



# Process for Regulation Formulation



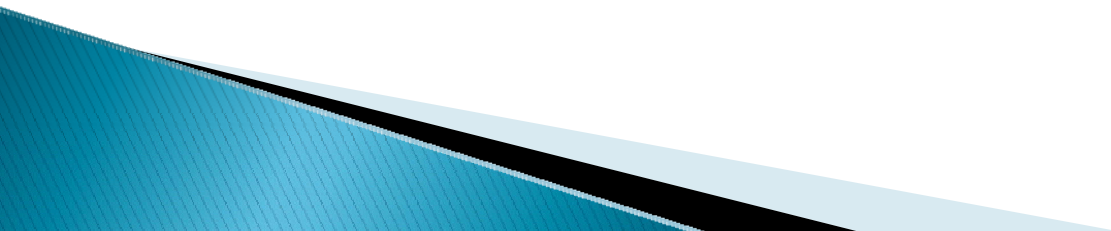
# Present Regulatory system in India

- ▶ Mandatory standards in India are in the form of Automotive Industry Standards (AIS)
  - ▶ India has attempted harmonization with ECE regulations to the extent possible. Depending on specific Indian requirements some special tests are also incorporated in the Indian regulatory standards
  - ▶ Till date 78% of ECE regulations are technically aligned
- 

# India and Global Integration

- ▶ India decided to be an active member of the process of harmonisation of global technical regulations.
- ▶ Started contributing as an Observer in WP 29 from 2003
- ▶ Joined 1998 agreement in April 2006.
- ▶ India quite happy that
  - GTRs are based on consensus
  - GTR takes into account regional issues
- ▶ India is in the process of integration GTR's into regulatory system
  - *India investing 500 Million USD in increasing testing capability – National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP)*

# India : The 1958 Agreement

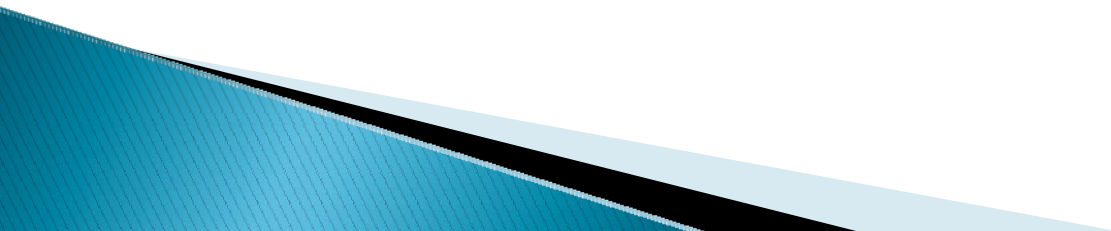
- ▶ India already actively contributing to technical discussions in various GR groups and informal groups for ECE Regulations.
  - ▶ A process of internal discussion and consultation underway to review the entire process of joining WP 29 –1958 agreement
- 

# The 1958 Agreement : India's issues

- ▶ *Implementing 1958 agreement in India is a major policy change*
- ▶ For a successful and seamless introduction in India several preparatory steps are essential
  - Setting up an internationally acceptable certification system (*Today our system is serving the domestic needs very well*)
    - Nomination of certifying agencies
    - Accreditation of Testing agencies for each accepted ECE regulation
    - System for continued accreditation of test agencies
    - System of granting Type Approvals
    - System for verification of COP
    - System for dealing with non conformities

# The 1958 Agreement : India's issues

Roadmap for ECE regulations adoption


- Depending on the country needs and the preparation levels of Certifying Agencies, roadmap to be decided
  - Setting up a permanent full time secretariat for coordination of WP29 activities
  - Evolution of a legal system for notifying ECE R through gazette notification
- 

# The 1958 Agreement : India's issues

- ▶ Developing a system for handling cessation of an adopted ECE R system if required
- ▶ Setting up a mechanism of dispute resolutions

*All the above steps need to be taken up for a successful implementation of the system*

# Indian Approach

- ▶ India actively working on understanding the technical and commercial issues related to 1958 agreement
  - ▶ Also working on the preparatory steps which are absolutely essential before taking up this important step of joining 1958 agreement.
  - ▶ Preparation of a concrete plan of the entire process
  - ▶ We expect a time frame of about 2~3 years for carrying out all these steps for our readiness in joining 1958 agreement.
- 

*Thank you  
for  
your kind attention*

