

Notification procedure in the framework of the 1998 Agreement

The secretariat has reproduced below a draft letter to be sent to all the Permanent Missions of Contracting Parties to the 1998 Agreement, to ensure that the notification system of the Agreement is correctly performed.

Madams, Sirs,

We would like to remind you that the Treaty Section of the UN Office of Legal Affairs communicates officially to the Permanent Missions in New York the Depository Notifications related to the UN legal instruments by e-mail. As the UNECE secretariat is requested to issue Notifications related to the 1998 Agreement, the UN Treaty Section has recommended that the UNECE secretariat use a similar procedure to circulate these Notifications to the Contracting Parties to the Agreement **through their Permanent Missions in Geneva.**

As you may know, in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement and in consultation with the Treaty Section of the UN Office of Legal Affairs, the secretariat has now finalized the procedure for communicating to the Permanent Missions in Geneva of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement the Notifications to be circulated by the UNECE secretariat. These Notifications concern the establishment of grs in the Global Registry and the listing of candidate regulations in the Compendium of Candidates, once adopted by the Executive Committee of the Agreement.

In accordance with this procedure, the secretariat circulates the Notifications to the Permanent Missions in Geneva of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement by e-mail messages through the following address: 1998Agreement-Missions@lists.unece.org

This address actually includes the e-mail addresses of all Permanent Missions concerned and that of the secretariat of the Agreement.

Permanent Missions in Geneva of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement are kindly requested to forward to the Treaty Services of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and/or other competent authorities of their Governments the Notifications as soon as they receive them, for further action as required by Article 7 of the Agreement.

Notifications are also posted in the website of the UNECE Transport Division in the following page related to the Agreement:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29glob.html>

For sending Notifications and other communications to other Contracting Parties and to the secretariat, as foreseen in Article 7 of the Agreement, **Permanent Missions in Geneva are kindly requested to use the above-mentioned e-mail address, i.e.:**

1998Agreement-Missions@lists.unece.org

A hard copy of the Notifications would be also appreciated, to be sent to the address indicated here below.

All messages exchanged among Contracting Parties as well as between Contracting Parties and the secretariat are archived in the following website, the access to which is limited to Contracting Parties: <http://lists.unece.org/archives/1998AGREEMENT-Missions.html>

In order to provide an effective exchange of information regarding the Agreement, Permanent Missions in Geneva are kindly requested to inform the UNECE secretariat about changes of e-mail addresses used for the purposes related to the 1998 Agreement and to indicate the name of the officers appointed by for the duties related to the Agreement. The secretariat would like also be informed which Administrative Department of the Country that the Permanent Mission is representing, is responsible for the global technical regulation object of a Notification.

For further information concerning the above-mentioned procedure, please contact juan.ramos.garcia@unece.org or edoardo.gianotti@unece.org

Yours faithfully,

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