Transposition of Euro 5/6 legislation to UNECE Regulations

As discussed at the recent GRPE meeting of 15 January 2009 the European Commission has requested a contractor to prepare the revision of UNECE Regulations, in particular of Regulations 83 and 49, to reflect the requirements of European Euro 5/6 Regulations 715/2007 and 692/2008. It is the intention of the Commission to adopt the respective revisions on the UNECE Regulations by the WP.29 meeting in June 2009.

The draft documents submitted by the Commission are available as informal documents on the UNECE website for the 57th meeting of the GRPE group:
http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29grpe/grpeinf57.html:

- Document GRPE-57-17
- Document GRPE-57-22
- Document GRPE-57-23
- Document GRPE-57-24 (summary of main changes).

Member States and other stakeholders are requested to scrutinise the draft documents and to provide feedback via email to the European Commission entr-automotive-industry@ec.europa.eu, copy to nikolaus.steiningler@ec.europa.eu and pollak.ivan@kti.hu. Comments should address the general concept of the revision and in particular errors, contradictions or omissions, which have been identified. Please note that due to the complexity of the task your engagement is highly appreciated and essential for the success of the project.

Member States and other stakeholders are also requested to comment on the possibility (which has not been retained in the current draft) of transposing only the most severe stage of Euro 5, i.e. the "Euro 5b/Euro 5+" stages of Appendix 6 to Annex I of Euro 5/6 implementing Regulation 692/2008, into UNECE Regulations. If this approach is followed the resulting revised UNECE Regulation would become simpler to apply; however for intermediate Euro 5 stages industry would lack any UNECE equivalent and could only use EC type approvals (NB: at a later stage UNECE Regulations would have to be updated to Euro 6 requirements).

Your feedback is requested until 15 February 2009.

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