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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fifty-third session^{1 2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 February 2011 and concluding at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 17 February 2011.

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II. Annotations and list of documents

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with Chapter III, Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure (TRANS/WP.29/690 and Amend.1) of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2011/1).

2. Regulation No. 41 (Noise of motorcycles)

The Working Party on Noise (GRB) may wish to be briefed about the status of the work progress made by the informal group on Regulation No. 41 (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/50, paras. 3—6) with regard to the development of the improved noise test measurement method for motorcycles.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2010/7, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2011/3

3. Regulation No. 51 (Noise of M and N categories of vehicles):

(a) Development

GRB agreed to resume consideration of this subject on the basis of informal documents Nos. GRB-52-02 and GRB-52-04 (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/50, paras. 7-9).

Documentation

Informal documents Nos. GRB-52-02 and GRB-52-04

(b) New sound limit values

GRB may wish to be informed by the expert from the European Commission about the final results of the study on the vehicle noise limit values (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/50, paras. 10-12).

(c) Additional sound emission provisions

GRB is expected to consider a compromise proposal prepared by the Chair to amend the Regulation regarding the Additional Sound Emission Provisions (ASEP) (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/50, paras. 13—15).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2011/2

4. Regulation No. 59 (Replacement silencing systems)

GRB agreed to have a final review of the proposal by the expert from the European Association of Automobile Suppliers (CLEPA) to include into the Regulation requirements on silencers or components filled with absorbing materials. (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/50, para. 16).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2011/5

5. Regulation No. 92 (Replacement exhaust silencing systems for motorcycles)

GRB may wish to consider a proposal to align the provisions of Regulation No. 92 with those of Regulations Nos. 41 and 51, if available (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/50, para. 17).

6. Regulation No. 117 (Tyre rolling noise and wet grip adhesion)

GRB agreed to resume consideration of a proposal to amend Regulation No. 117 (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/50, paras. 18—22).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2011/4

7. Collective amendments to Regulations Nos. 41, 51 and 59

GRB may wish to examine a proposal by the expert from the Netherlands to harmonize in the Regulations the use of the terms "noise", "sound" and "silencer", if available (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/50, para. 23).

8. Exchange of information on national and international requirements on noise levels

GRB may wish to continue the exchange of views on the development of national or regional legislation and international requirements concerning noise levels (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/50, para. 24).

9. Influence of road surface on tyre rolling sound emissions

GRB is expected to continue the exchange of views on this matter and welcomes any information on the influence of road surface on tyre rolling sound emissions (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/50, para. 25).

10. Quiet road transport vehicles

GRB may wish to be informed by the Chairperson of the informal group on Quiet Road Transport Vehicles (QRTV) about the progress made by the group (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/50, paras. 26—32).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2011/6

11. Environmentally friendly vehicles

GRB will be briefed about the work progress made during the eighth and ninth informal meetings on Environmentally Friendly Vehicles (EFV) held in Geneva on 14 January 2011 and 15 February 2011 respectively (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/50, paras. 33—35).

Documentation

Informal documents Nos. GRPE-60-21, EFV-07-05

12. Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles

GRB agreed to have a detailed review of the proposal for amendments to the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3) (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/50, para. 36). WP.29 requested the Chairpersons to report back on this issue to WP.29 by March 2011 (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1083, para. 74).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2010/145

13. Guidelines on establishing requirements for high-priority signals

GRB is expected to review the proposal for guidelines on establishing requirements for high-priority signals, especially with regard to the proposed text on auditory warnings (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/50, para. 38).

Documentation

Informal document No. GRB-52-01

14. Other business

GRB may wish to consider any other subject, if necessary.
