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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

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

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 February 2012 and concluding at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 9 February 2012

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 - (a) Regulation Nos. 41, 51 and 59;
 - (b) Regulation Nos. 9 and 63.
8. Exchange of information on national and international requirements on noise levels.
9. Influence of road surface on tyre rolling sound emissions.
10. Quiet road transport vehicles.
11. Definitions and acronyms in Regulations under GRB responsibilities.
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II. Annotations

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/2012/1).

2. Regulation No. 41 (Noise of motorcycles)

The Working Party on Noise (GRB) expects a proposal for updating the references to ISO standards into the Regulation (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/52, para. 3).

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

(a) Development

GRB agreed to resume discussion on the update of the ISO references to a number of Regulations under GRB responsibility (including Regulation No. 51) on the basis of a concrete proposal including transitional provisions (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/52, para. 4).

(b) New sound limit values

GRB agreed to resume discussion on the noise limit values on method B on the basis of the proposal tabled by the expert from Germany (GRB-54-03) and on an informal consolidated version of Regulation No. 51 prepared by the expert from the Netherlands. It was also agreed to review the categorization of vehicles with respect to the proposed new limit values, expecting a revised proposal by the expert from Japan (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/52, paras. 6–7).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2012/2. Informal document GRB-54-03

(c) Additional sound emission provisions

GRB agreed to review the new provisions on Additional Sound Emission Provisions (ASEP) with respect to the intended purpose of the new noise limit values. (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/52, paras. 8–9).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2011/64.

4. Regulation No. 59 (Replacement silencing systems)

GRB may wish to consider a revised proposal for amendments, tabled by the expert from the European Association of Automobile Suppliers (CLEPA). (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/52, para. 10).

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

GRB might wish to continue discussion on further proposal of amendments, if available.

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

GRB may wish to continue discussion and technical assessment on the adopted alternative deceleration method (GRB-54-12-Rev.1) (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/52, para. 12).

Documentation

Informal document GRB-54-12-Rev.1

7. Collective amendments to

(a) Regulations Nos. 41, 51 and 59

GRB may wish to examine a proposal by the expert from the Netherlands harmonizing the use of the terminology used in certain Regulations, if available (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/52, para. 14).

(a) Regulation Nos. 9 and 63

GRB might wish to consider a proposal aligning the provisions of Regulation Nos. 9 and 63 with those of the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 41, if available (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/51, paras. 3–4).

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

GRB may wish to continue the exchange of views on developing national or regional legislation and international requirements concerning noise levels (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/52, para. 15).

9. Influence of road surface on tyre rolling sound emissions

GRB is expected to receive new information on this agenda item.

10. Quiet road transport vehicles

The Chair of the informal group on Quiet Road Transport Vehicles (QRTV) is expected to report on the progress made by experts at the eighth informal meeting (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/52, paras. 17–20).

11. Definitions and acronyms in Regulations under GRB responsibilities.

GRB agreed to resume discussion on this subject on the basis of a proposal voluntarily prepared by the experts from OICA and ISO. Moreover, GRB may wish to continue to discuss a proposal revising the titles of Regulations under GRB responsibilities; this would be on the basis of a proposal jointly prepared by the experts from the Russian Federation and the Netherlands (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/52, paras. 23–24)

12. Proposal for amendments to the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles.

GRB agreed to resume consideration on the revision of the scope of noise Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement, shown by categories of vehicles in the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3) with the intention to include especially L₆ and L₇ categories (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/52, para. 25)

13. Environmentally friendly vehicles

GRB will continue the exchange of views on this matter. (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/52, para. 21).

14. Other business

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