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Geneva, 28–30 January 2014

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda****Annotated provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session<sup>1,2</sup>**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 28 January 2013 and concluding at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 30 January 2013.

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  - (a) Additional sound emission provisions for Regulations Nos. 9, 63 and 92;
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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/2014/1).

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\* Documents in brackets are for reference purposes only and will not be considered at the session.

## 2. Regulation No. 41 (Noise of motorcycles): Development

The Working Party on Noise (GRB) agreed to resume consideration of a proposal (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2012/5) providing harmonized definitions on vehicle type concerning noise, the terms noise and sound on the basis of: (i) data received from the technical services of Contracting Parties applying the 04 series of amendments and (ii) of possible proposals on harmonized definitions and terminology common to UN Regulations Nos. 9, 41, 63 and 92. GRB also agreed to resume consideration on the possibility of revising the transitional provisions of the UN Regulation.

### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/56, para. 5–6  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2012/5  
(GRB-58-11-Rev.1)

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

### (a) Development

GRB agreed to continue discussion on the draft 03 series of amendments to UN Regulation No. 51, on the basis of the outcome of the meetings of the group of interested experts on vehicle noise. Moreover, GRB agreed to resume discussion on the updating of the ISO references to the noise test track from ISO 10844:1994 to ISO 10844:2011, in the 02 series of amendments, on the basis of a proposal tabled by the expert from the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA)(ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2013/13). GRB agreed to continue discussion on the draft amendments (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2013/4, GRB-57-13) of method B of the 02 series of amendments (Annexes 9 and 10 of the UN Regulation), pending the outcome of the ongoing discussion in ISO Working Group 42 on revising Standard ISO 362-1:2007.

### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/56, paras. 7–9  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2013/4  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2014/2  
Informal document GRB-57-13  
(GRB-58-07)(GRB-58-17-Rev.1)

### (b) New limit values

GRB agreed to resume discussion on the noise limit values based on a revised proposal for the 03 series of amendments to the UN Regulation submitted by the group of interested experts on vehicle noise.

### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/56, paras. 10–11  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2012/7  
(GRB-58-08)(GRB-58-09)(GRB-58-10)(GRB-58-14)(GRB-58-17-Rev.1)

(c) **Additional sound emission provisions**

GRB agreed to review additional sound emission provisions (ASEP) and to refine the purpose of the new noise limit values (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/52, paras. 8–9) on the basis of new information, if available.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2011/64

**4. Regulation No. 59 (Replacement silencing systems)**

GRB agreed to resume consideration on this subject on the basis of new proposals aligned to the updated draft ASEP provisions for UN Regulation No. 51.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/56, para. 13  
(ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2013/8)  
(GRB-58-05)

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

GRB may wish to continue discussion of proposed amendments, if available.

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

GRB agreed to resume discussion of a proposal (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2013/10) tabled by the expert from the Russian Federation aimed at providing a detailed elaboration of the concept of tyre deceleration in the test technology, on the basis of the outcome of ad hoc meeting between the experts of the European Tyre and Rim Technical Organisation (ETRTO) and the Russian Federation and of possible alternative calculators proposed by other laboratories of Contracting Parties, if available. Moreover, GRB may wish to resume consideration of a revised proposal, concerning new time measurement accuracy for instrumentation involved in the rolling resistance method (Annex 6 of the UN Regulation), jointly prepared by the experts from the Russian Federation and ETRTO, if available.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/56, paras. 15-16  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2013/10  
(GRB-58-02)

**7. Collective amendments**

(a) **Additional sound emission provisions for Regulations Nos. 9, 63 and 92**

GRB agreed to resume consideration of this agenda item on the basis of possible proposals that would cover remaining issues on this matter, if available.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/56, para. 19

(b) **Proposal for amendments to Regulations Nos. 28, 51, 59 and 117**

GRB agreed to resume discussion on this subject on the basis of new information and revised proposals from the expert of OICA.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/56, para. 20  
(GRB-57-16)

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

GRB agreed to continue the exchange of views on developing national or regional legislation and international requirements concerning noise levels. Moreover, GRB may wish to continue the exchange of information on the basis of data concerning noise value declared by manufacturers for each tyre class (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/55, para. 25).

**9. Influence of road surface on tyre rolling sound emissions**

GRB may receive new information on studies developed by the expert from ETRTO (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/54, para. 25).

**10. Quiet road transport vehicles**

GRB agreed to resume discussion of this agenda item, awaiting the outcome of the informal working group (IWG) on quiet road transport vehicles (QRTV) and a proposal for a UN GTR on this matter drafted by the IWG, if available.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/56, paras. 23-25  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2012/6  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/AC.3/33

**11. Definitions and acronyms in Regulations under the responsibility of GRB**

GRB agreed to resume discussion on this subject on the basis of proposals prepared by experts from CLEPA concerning UN Regulations Nos. 59 and 28 and by the expert from the European Commission concerning QRTV, if available.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/56, para. 26  
Informal documents GRB-57-12 and GRB-57-18

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

GRB agreed to resume discussion on a proposal (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2013/9) tabled by the expert from the Russian Federation aimed at updating the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3) and on possible new information from the ISO expert and revised proposals, if any.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/56, para. 27  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2013/9  
(GRB-57-08)

**13. Development of the International Whole Vehicle Type Approval (IWVTA) system and involvement of the Working Parties (GRs) in it**

GRB may wish to consider this matter in the light of the discussion at the November 2013 session of WP.29.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/57, para. 29

**14. 1997 Agreement (periodical technical inspections)**

GRB will be informed about the decision of WP.29 at its November 2013 session concerning the proposed amendments to Rule No. 1 (Environmental protection).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/56, para. 30  
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2013/132

**15. Highlights of the November 2013 session of WP.29**

GRB will be briefed by the secretariat about the highlights of the November 2013 session of WP.29 on GRB and common issues.

**16. Other business**

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

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