

# Driving permits

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# Background

Informal Document no. 3 has been prepared by the UN ECE WP1 Secretariat, with the collaboration of the ISO and the FIA.

This document highlights a series of **issues and inconsistencies regarding International Driving Permits**, and suggests options for a work plan outlining **potential amendments to Annex 7 of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic and Annex 10 of the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic**.

# Issues

## IRREGULARITIES IN IDP ISSUANCE

In 2013, after requesting copies of the authoritative translations of the text of the IDP from CPs to the 1968 and 1949 Convention on Road Traffic, the Secretariat found that:

- Only a small number of CPs is **fully compliant** with Annex 7 of the 1968 Convention.
- A number of CPs were issuing IDPs **pursuant to the wrong Convention.**

# Issues

## INCONSISTENCIES REGARDING IDPs AND THEIR CONVENTIONS

The Secretariat also found that:

- The 1949 IDP model (as prescribed in Annex 10 of the 1949 Convention) has not been updated in the same manner as its corresponding Annex 7 in the 1968 Convention.

**Indications relatives au conducteur:**

Nom 1

Prénoms 2

Lieu de naissance 3

Date de naissance 4

Domicile 5

**Catégorie de véhicules pour lesquels le permis est valable:**

Motocycles avec ou sans sidecar, voitures d'infirmes et automobiles à trois roues dont le poids à vide n'excède pas 400 kg (900 livres).	A
Automobiles affectées au transport des personnes et comportant, outre le siège du conducteur, huit places assises au maximum ou affectées au transport des marchandises et ayant un poids maximum autorisé qui n'excède pas 3,500 kg (7,700 livres). Aux automobiles de cette catégorie peut être attelée une remorque légère.	B
Automobiles affectées au transport des marchandises et dont le poids maximum autorisé excède 3,500 kg (7,700 livres). Aux automobiles de cette catégorie peut être attelée une remorque légère.	C
Automobiles affectées au transport des personnes et comportant, outre le siège du conducteur, plus de huit places assises. Aux automobiles de cette catégorie peut être attelée une remorque légère.	D
Automobiles des catégories B, C ou D pour lesquelles le conducteur est habilité, avec remorques autres qu'une remorque légère.	E

Le terme "poids maximum autorisé" d'un véhicule désigne le poids du véhicule en ordre de marche et de la charge maximum. Le terme "charge maximum" désigne le poids du chargement

déclaré admissible par l'autorité compétente du pays d'immatriculation du véhicule. Les remorques légères sont celles dont le poids maximum autorisé ne dépasse pas 750 kg (1,650 livres).

**EXCLUSION**

Le titulaire est déchu du droit de conduire sur le territoire de (pays) ..... en raison de .....

Sceau ou cachet de l'autorité

Lieu: .....  
Date: .....  
Signature: .....

Inscrire l'exclusion dans tout autre espace prévu à cet effet, si l'espace réservé ci-dessus est déjà utilisé.

Exclusions:  
(pays | - | )

**Särskilda uppgifter om föraren:**

Efternamn 1









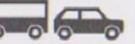
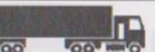
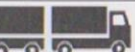


Förnamn\* 2

Födelseort\*\* 3

Födelsedatum\*\*\* 4

Bostadsadress 5

**Kategorier av fordon för vilka körkortet gäller:**

Categorie code/Pictogram		Subcategorie code/Pictogram	
A		A1	
B		B1	
C		C1	
D		D1	
BE			
CE		C1E	
DE		D1E	

**SÄRSKILDA VILLKOR**

- Måste bära korrektionsglas
- Gäller endast för fordon nr \_\_\_\_\_
- Gäller endast för automatväxlad bil
- Gäller endast för fordon utrustat för benämperad person
- \_\_\_\_\_

- \* = Faders eller makes namn kan anges här.
- \*\* = Om födelseort är okänd, lämna tomt.
- \*\*\* = Om födelsedatum är okänt, ange ungefärlig ålder vid tiden för körkortets utfärdande.

**1949 Convention**

5 categories, text only - no pictograms  
Never updated

**1968 Convention**

13 categories, pictograms only  
Updated in 1993 and 2006

# Issues

## INCONSISTENCIES REGARDING IDPs AND THEIR CONVENTIONS

- The Conventions differ as to the mandatory languages into which Model 3 left hand page has to be translated:

*1949 Convention:  
all 6 official UN languages*

Pages 1 and 2 shall be drawn up in the national language or languages.

The entire last page shall be drawn up in French.

Additional pages of the International Driving Permit shall repeat in other languages the text of part I of the last page. They shall be drawn up in the following languages:

- (a) Language(s) prescribed by the legislation of the issuing State
- (b) The official languages of the United Nations,
- (c) At the most six other languages, chosen at the discretion of the issuing State.

*1968 Convention:  
FR, EN, ES and RU only*

“The outside and inside of the front cover shall conform, respectively, to model pages Nos. 1 and 2 below; they shall be printed in the national language, or in at least one of the national languages, of the issuing State. The last two inside pages shall be facing pages conforming to model No. 3 below; they shall be printed in **French**. The inside pages preceding these two pages shall repeat the first of them in several languages, which must include **English, Russian and Spanish**”.

# Issues

## LIMITATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMITS

- IDPs contain **no security features**:
  - they can be easily copied and altered
  - difficult to detect fraudulent permits from genuine permits
- There is no register or directory of national motor vehicle agency contacts in order to **verify the validity of a presented DDP or IDP**.
- At the present time, the cancellation or suspension of the DDP **does not result in an automatic cancellation of an IDP**.

# Recommendations

To address the inconsistencies between the 1968 and the 1949 IDP models, the following is proposed:

- An update of Annex 7 of the 1968 Convention to **include Arabic and Chinese** in the list of languages that Model 3 left hand page must be translated into.
- A **harmonization of the 1949 IDP model**, as per Annex 10 of the 1949 Convention, with the 1968 IDP model, as per Annex 7 of the 1968 Convention.

If WP.1 agrees, the secretariat, together with a CP to both Conventions (1949 and 1968) and with the help of the ISO and the FIA, could prepare two formal papers containing amendment proposals.



# Recommendations

Instead of requiring CPs to individually prepare own translations of model page no. 3 (with numerous inevitable variations) and communication of same to the Secretary-General of the UN, rather introduce consistency by:

- Including translations of all 6 official languages in Annex 7 of 1968 Convention (and Annex 10 of 1949 Convention) for CPs to copy, if legally feasible.
- Alternatively, publishing official translations in all 6 languages on the UNECE website for CPs to copy.

# Recommendations

The secretariat also considers that it would be preferable for the Secretary-General of the UN to receive **a full specimen IDP** issued by each CP, rather than just the translation of model page no. 3.

These specimen IDPs could be uploaded onto an **electronic database** (either accessible to CPs only or to the general public). WP.1 to discuss the scope of accessibility of the proposed database.

# Recommendations

To address the issue of DDP suspension not resulting in IDP cancellation, it is proposed that a CP or a group of experts draft an informal paper on the integrity of the DDP, in order to facilitate discussions at the next WP.1 session.

This informal paper could include, amongst others, suggestions and proposal amendments regarding the following:

- creating a **register or directory of national motor vehicle agency contact details**, in order to verify DDP validity;
- incorporating **minimum security requirements for the DDP** in order to prevent attempts at alterations and forgeries; and
- amending the relevant articles and Annex of the **1949 Convention** so that IDPs pursuant to that Convention are only recognized if **accompanied by a DDP**.

# Work plan options

There are two options for WP.1's consideration:

- **Option 1:** Parallel IDP and DDP work plans, comprised of:
  - a) IDP Related Work Plan: amendments to Annex 7 of the 1968 Convention and Annex 10 of the 1949 Convention.
  - b) DDP Related Work Plan: amendments to Article 41 and Annex 6 of the 1968 Convention and to Article 24 and Annex 9 of the 1949 Convention.
- **Option 2:** IDP and DDP consolidated work plan