

TERMS OF REFERENCE:
GRB Informal Working Group (IWG) ON ECE R51 AND ECE R59

Adopted by GRB at its fifty-ninth session
(Subject to WP.29 consent)

A. Introduction

1. For the finalization of the revision of UN Regulation No. 51 and UN Regulation No. 59 it is necessary to review both documents with regard to the latest decision of the European Union on the noise emission of motorized vehicles having at least four wheels.

B. Objective of the informal working group

2. The IWG shall provide a working document on series 03 of amendments to Regulation R 51 and a working document on revision 1 to Regulation R59 for consideration by GRB at its 60th session in September 2014.
3. The documents shall be based on the EU approved European Noise Regulation and the latest GRB work reflected in the Revision of GRB-59-04.
4. The work of the IWG shall not be limited to draft proposals to amend ECE R51 and ECE R59, but shall cover additional amendments in a separate informal document.
5. The IWG may also review further draft proposals to improve and / or clarify aspects of the Regulations.

C. Rules of Procedure

6. The IWG is open to all participants of GRB. However it is recommended that a maximum of two technical experts per country and organization participate in this group.
7. All meetings will be held in Brussels at the premises of DG Enterprise.
8. A Chairman, a Co-Chairman and a Secretary shall govern the expert group.
9. The official language will be English.
10. All documents and/or proposals must be submitted to the Secretary of the group in a suitable electronic format.
11. An agenda and the latest draft document will be circulated to all members of the IWG in advance of all scheduled meetings.
12. All communications of the IWG will be directed to the GRB heads of delegations and the GRB secretary.

D. Timeline (inclusive meetings already held)

1. The former expert group (now official IWG; pending WP.29 decision at its June 2014 session) had held its first meeting on April 19, 2013 and three further meetings on May 17, June 3 and November 8, 2013
 2. The IWG will have two meetings scheduled on March 26 and May 8, to be confirmed.
 3. Further meetings can be scheduled according to the progress of the IWG.
 4. The group shall present its result during the 60th GRB in September 2014 and if necessary during the 61st GRB in February 2015.
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