

Interim report on Phase 1b on the development of UN Global Technical Regulation No. 16 on tyres – Amendment No. 1 to UN GTR No. 16

The Government of the Russian Federation assumed the duties of the technical sponsor for the development of the Amendment No. 1 to UN GTR No. 16. The Executive Committee of the 1958 Agreement (AC.3) at its forty-fourth session adopted ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2015/70 (further converted to ECE/TRANS/WP.29/AC.3/42) tabled by the Russian Federation to request authorization to start work on developing the said Amendment. This interim report was prepared with reference to ECE/TRANS/WP.29/AC.3/42 to inform WP.29 and AC.3 at their November 2015 sessions on the progress of works.

1. The proposal for Amendment No. 1 to UN GTR No. 16 including the approved changes in the relevant FMVSS and supplements/corrigenda of UN Regulations was drafted by the experts from ETRTO with the intention to make the proposed text neutral with regard to the compliance assessment schemes.
2. The draft document was reviewed by the interested experts at the informal meeting held on 25-26 June 2015 in the Palace of Nations in Geneva in conjunction with the 166th WP.29 session. The representatives from the Contracting Parties to the 1998 Agreement from Canada, EC, Egypt, Hungary, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain, UK and US, the representatives from industry: ETRTO, JATMA, ITTAC and RMA and the representative from the UNECE secretariat participated to this meeting.
3. Basing on the meeting deliverables the revision of the draft text had been prepared and discussed again at the informal meeting of the interested experts on 14 September 2015 prior to the 80th GRRF session with the aim to clarify the remaining unresolved issues.
4. The adjusted draft Amendment No. 1 to UN GTR No. 16 reflecting the meeting deliverables together with the items requesting the GRRF guidance were presented at the 80th GRRF session. The content of the proposal may be found in the following documents submitted to GRRF by the Russian Federation and ETRTO:
 - GRRF-80-04 – draft Amendment No. 1 to UN GTR No. 16 incorporated to the text of UN GTR No. 16;
 - GRRF-80-05 – Minutes of the informal meeting of interested experts aimed at the discussion of the draft amendment to the UN Tyre GTR in Geneva, 25-26 June 2015;
 - GRRF-80-20 – draft final report on Phase 1b on the development of UN Global Technical Regulation No. 16 on tyres – Amendment No. 1 to UN GTR No. 16;
 - GRRF-80-21 – Proposal for amendments to Part 1 of GTR No. 16;
 - GRRF-80-22 – Proposal for the text of the statement of technical rationale and justification for the Amendment No. 1 to UN GTR No. 16.

5. GRRF at its 80th session endorsed the work done by the experts of ETRTO and the Russian Federation with the help of other interested experts. In order to finalize the text of the draft Amendment No. 1 in due time, the GRRF Chairman invited all GRRF experts to submit their comments on the presented documents to ETRTO by 2 October 2015 with the aim to discuss those comment further at the webconference in the mid-October.

6. The webconference took place on 16 October 2015 with interested experts to review the proposal for working documents including comments from GRRF experts and other ones received after the GRRF 80th session.

7. The results of discussion at the webconference will be included in the working documents on the Amendment No. 1 to UN GTR No. 16 and the final report on Phase 1b on the development of UN GTR No. 16 to be finalized by ETRTO and submitted for consideration and their possible adoption at the 81st GRRF session.

8. The next report on the development of Amendment No. 1 to UN GTR No. 16 will be submitted to WP.29 and AC.3 at their session on March 2016.
