

**Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform conditions
for periodical technical inspections of wheeled vehicles and
the reciprocal recognition
of such inspections done at Vienna on 13 November 1997.
Possible variants of the development.**



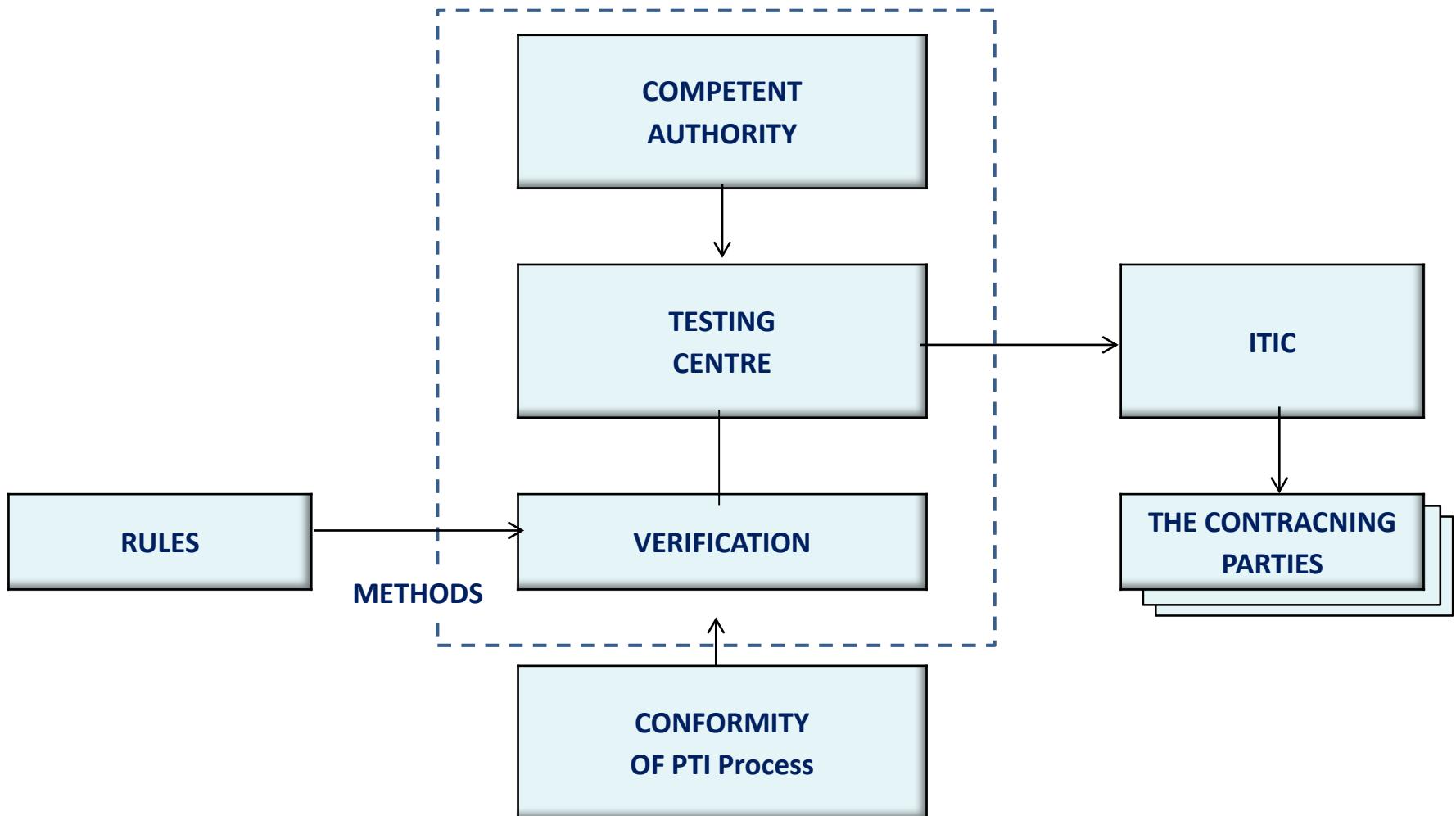
Objective of the 1997 Agreement

- Harmonization of technical prescriptions of Contracting Parties with respect to wheeled vehicles roadworthiness is the declared objective of the 1997 Agreements.
- An essential element of this objective is the confidence that the assessment of compliance is robust and not subject to variation depending upon the periodical inspection system used in the assessment process.

Quality the assessment of compliance

- The assessment of compliance takes place in any of the territories of the Contracting Parties and at a variety of testing centres within those territories.
- The quality of the tests and inspections carried out by testing centres should correspond with the level of the requirements in the Rule(s) for which they are designated. Therefore it is necessary to provide guidance on the skills of testing centres to facilitate the smooth enforcement of the 1997 Agreement. The Approval Authority is responsible for ensuring that the testing centres which it designates comply with the requirements of the 1997 Agreement.

Confirmation of the compliance with the Rules



Facilitation of the application of the 1997 Agreement

To facilitate the application of the 1997 Agreement, ITC and WP.29 had decided that

- technical inspection facilities and test equipment,
- Inspectors' authorization system,
- supervision of the testing centres

should be defined in UN documents. Contracting Parties could refer to this documents when establishing the suitability of their PTI system for the assessment of compliance with the prescriptions of Rules in the framework of the 1997 Agreement.

What are “the Rules”?

Article 1 of the 1997 Agreement

"rules for periodical technical inspections of wheeled vehicles" shall include provisions for the proof of the periodical administrative uniform procedure by which the competent authorities of a Contracting Party declare, after the required verifications have been carried out, that the wheeled vehicle conforms to the requirements of the given Rules. As proof shall serve a technical inspection certificate the model of which is reproduced in Appendix 2 to this Agreement.

Content of the Rules

Article 2, paragraph 1 of The 1997 Agreement

“The Rule shall cover the following:

- (a) The categories of wheeled vehicles concerned and the frequency of its inspection;**
- (b) The equipment and/or parts to be inspected;**
- (c) Test methods by which any performance requirements are to be demonstrated;**
- (d) Conditions for granting inspection certificate;**
- (e) The date(s) on which the Rule enters into force.”**

What kind of UN documents can define requirements for PTI system?

RESULTS:

- i) ITIC is provided for vehicles.
- ii) ITIC can not be issued for testing centres, inspector's authorisation and supervising system.

CONCLUSION:

Therefore requirements for testing centres, inspector's authorisation and supervising system can not be prescribed by the Rules. They may be provided by the 1997 Agreement or another UN documents.

Requirements for test tools, devices and equipment

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- (d) Conditions for granting inspection certificate;
- (e) The date(s) on which the Rule enters into force.”

**CONCLUSION: REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FACILITIES
ANYWAY SHALL BE PRESCRIBED IN THE AGREEMENT OR
ANOTHER UN DOCUMENTS.**

The current proposed structure of the 1997 Agreement (Variant I)

Legal Provisions

Definitions / Establishment of the Rule
Accession the Rules / Amendment of the Rules
Amendment of the Agreement

Administrative Provisions

Appendix 3
Conformity of Periodical Technical Inspection System

Appendix 1
Composition and Rules of Procedure of the Administrative Committee

Appendix 4
Minimum Requirements Concerning Technical Inspection Facilities and Test equipment

Appendix 2
International Technical Inspection Certificate

Appendix 5
Minimum Requirements Concerning the Competence, Training and Certification of Inspectors

Appendix 6
Supervising Bodies

Alternative proposed structure of the 1997 Agreement (Variant II)

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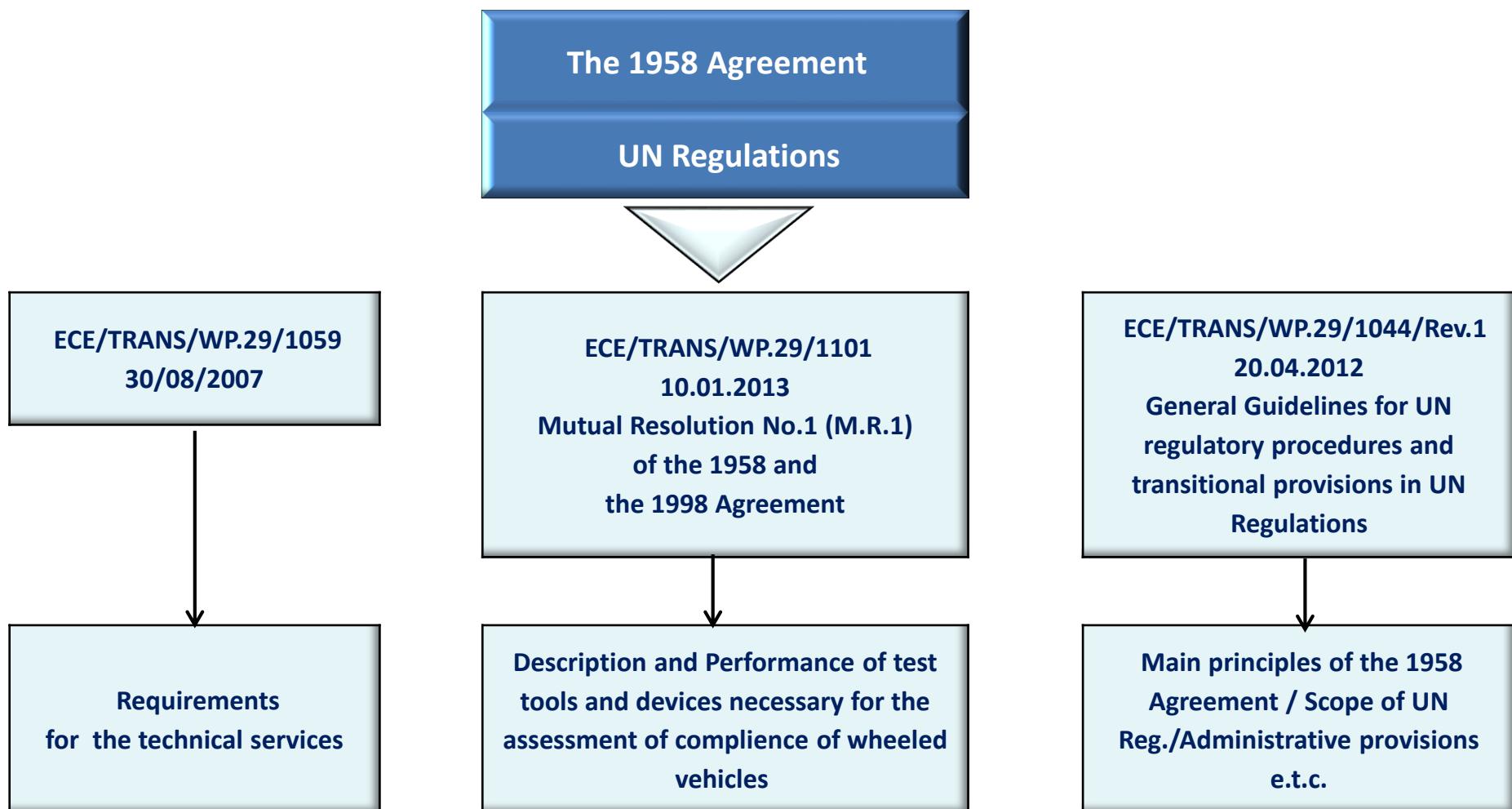
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Structure of the 1958 Agreement



Alternative proposed structure of the 1997 Agreement (Variant III)

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**MUTUAL RESOLUTION No. 2
OF THE 1997 AGREEMENT**

Appendix 2
International Technical Inspection Certificate

Legal status of Mutual Resolution No. 2 of the 1997 Agreement

- The Resolution does not hold regulatory status within Contracting Parties.
- Contracting Parties refer to this Mutual Resolution when establishing the suitability of their PTI system for the assessment of compliance with the prescriptions of Rules in the framework of the 1997 Agreement
- The added value that would be secured were it to be applicable to Rules annexed to the 1997 Agreement.

Content of Mutual Resolution No. 2 of the 1997 Agreement

- **Minimum requirements concerning technical inspection facilities and test equipment**
- **Minimum requirements concerning the competence, training and certification of inspectors**
- **Minimum requirements concerning the surveillance of the designated Testing Centres**
- **Interpretation issues**
- **Another issues upon the request to make PTI robust and effective**

Principals and criteria for the development the 1997 Agreement confirmed by the IWG on PTI

- The present PTI systems vary from one territory to another
- The 1997 Agreement shall include basical principal long term provisions designed to ensure that vehicles are kept in a safe and environmentally acceptable condition during their use
- The Contracting Parties should be allowed to set higher test standards than those required by the 1997 Agreement
- Roadworthiness testing is a sovereign activity of the Contracting Parties implemented according to the national legislation
- The 1997 Agreement shall be open for accession by the majority of member Countries of the United Nations with focus on the ECE area
- Providing a flexible approach to help Contracting Parties developing their national PTI system requirements

Request for guidance from WP.29

- IWG on PTI would like to invite other countries to take part in the discussion on the approaches for development of the 1997 Agreement.
- As a result IWG on PTI expects the guidance from WP.29 concerning the most preferable approach and further actions to be undertaken.

A long-exposure photograph of a highway at night. The headlights and tail lights of moving vehicles create bright, glowing streaks of light that curve along the road. The sky is dark with some scattered clouds. In the background, there are trees and utility poles with power lines.

Thank You For Your Kind Attention