

Conversion of GRRF into GRVA

I. Context

The Inland Transport Committee (ITC), at its session in February 2018, acknowledged the importance of WP.29 activities related to automated, autonomous and connected vehicles and requested WP.29 to consider establishing a dedicated subsidiary Working Party (ECE/TRANS/274, para 52).

Following ITC's request, WP.29 decided to convert the Working Party on Brake and Running Gear (GRRF) in the Working Party on Automated/Autonomous and Connected Vehicles (GRVA) and to reallocate some former GRRF activities (tyres, coupling and tank vehicles) to other Working Parties (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1139, para. 33).

II. Information on tasks reallocation among GRs

A. Relevant for GRB:

GRRF activities on tyres are passed on to GRB, including UN GTR No. 16 (subject to the agreement of AC.3) and UN Regulations Nos.:

- 30 (Tyres for passenger cars and their trailers)
- 54 (Tyres for commercial vehicles and their trailers)
- 64 (Temporary use spare unit, run flat tyres, run flat-system and tyre pressure monitoring system)
- 75 (Motorcycle tyres)
- 106 (Tyres for agricultural vehicles)
- 108 (Retreaded tyres for passenger cars and their trailers)
- 109 (Retreaded tyres for commercial vehicles and their trailers)
- 117 (Tyres - Rolling resistance, rolling noise and wet grip) (whole Regulation)
- 124 (Replacement wheels for passenger cars)
- 141 (Tyre Pressure Monitoring Systems)
- 142 (Tyres installation)

B. Relevant for GRSG:

GRRF activities on coupling are passed to GRSG, including:

- UN Regulation No. 55 (Mechanical coupling)
- UN Regulation on mechanical coupling components of combinations of agricultural vehicles

C. [Relevant for GRSP, tbc]:

[GRRF activities on tank vehicle safety (rollover) are passed to [GRSP], including:

- UN Regulation No. 111 (Handling and stability of tank vehicles)]

III. Relevant information for the GR meetings in September 2018

WP.29's decision was with immediate effect. Therefore, some attention should be given to its impact on the GR sessions in September 2018.

The secretariat would like to kindly invite the experts to take good note of the information provided and to attend the proper session where their input would be needed.

The Chairs of GRB and of the former GRRF held a meeting with the secretariat on the margins of the June 2018 session of WP.29 to develop the plan to minimize the impact of this structural change in terms of submission of documents, technical discussions and proper participation of delegates and experts.

A. Handling of Tyres-related working documents:

As planned, tyre-related documents were submitted until the document submission deadline for the former GRRF. This was to avoid that any document would be rejected due to late submission or due this structural change

These documents will be considered by GRB at its September 2018 session (12-14 September 2018). Please note that these documents won't bear a GRB symbol due to administrative constrains. Nevertheless, these documents will be posted on both GRB and GRVA dedicated website sections for easy reference.

B. Information from the IWG on Tyres:

Following the announcements made during the June 2018 session of WP.29, the Secretary of the IWG on Tyres (dealing with an amendment to UN GTR No. 16 (tyres) informed that the meeting of the IWG scheduled in September would convene before GRB in order to minimize travel costs to delegates.

The IWG meeting will be organized before GRB on 11-12 September 2018 in Room **V Concordia 4**.

It is expected that the IWG on Tyres will present a status report on its activities to GRB.

Information exchanged by GRB on tyres (e.g. UN GTR No. 16) will be presented to GRVA and thus providing the possibility for input or comment as needed.

C. Handling of Mechanical Coupling-related working documents:

GRVA will review the Mechanical Coupling-related documents with the aim to handover UN Regulation No. 55 to GRSG without open issue.
