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1. Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and / or be used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of these Prescriptions done at Geneva on 20 March 1958, including the amendments entered into force on 16 October 1995
E/ECE/324 - E/ECE/TRANS/505/Rev.2 - October 1995 - E,F,R
- Annexed to the Agreement are 128 Regulations - E,F,R
- A complete information about the Status of the Agreement and application of ECE Regulations by its Contracting Parties contained in document TRANS/WP.29/343/Rev.20
Also available at: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29regs.html

2. Agreement concerning the Establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be Fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles, done at Geneva on 25 June 1998
ECE/TRANS/132
Global Registry: ECE/TRANS/180 & Add1-12
- Annexed to the Agreement are 12 global technical regulations, including their appendices, amendments and corrigenda
Also available at: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29glob.html

3. 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
ECE/RCTE/CONF/4 & Add.1/Rev.1 - Rule No. 1-2
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