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DRIVER TRAINING CERTIFICATES

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Introduction

There have been incidents recently within the United Kingdom, where at routine roadside enforcement checks enforcement officials have had difficulty in determining if the non United Kingdom driver training certificates held by the drivers were genuine and original certificates.

It would be helpful to enforcers if there was an easy way of identifying what driver training certificates from ADR Contracting Parties look like in order to ascertain, as far as possible, if the document presented to them is genuine.

If WP.15 agrees that a system to check driver training certificates would be of benefit, the United Kingdom believes there are two options for establishing a mechanism for checking the driving training certificates against sample certificates from ADR Contracting Parties.

Proposals

Option 1

Each Contracting Party should submit a sample copy of their national ADR driving training certificate to the secretariat to be displayed on the UNECE website under Contracting Party details.

Option 2

Each Contracting Party should circulate a sample copy of their national ADR driving training certificate to the other Contracting Parties for distribution amongst their enforcement bodies.

Justification

Option 1 would enable enforcement officials to compare driver training certificates presented to them at road side checks with official sample copies. The placing of these certificates on a public access website may provide possible opportunities for forgery, but doubtless forgery opportunities currently exist and there may be electronic mechanisms for preventing their misuse, for example an integration of a sample watermark through the document.

Option 2 would require more of an administrative commitment from Contracting Parties in terms of distributing the sample copies. There would be no public access to electronic sample copies and also no central collection of electronic samples.

Safety and Enforcement Issues

The ability to verify, as far as possible, if the driver training certificates are genuine will improve enforceability and compliance with ADR training provisions, which should enhance safety.
