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**3. Information on activities of interest to the Working Party**  
**(b) International Organizations**

**INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMITS – 1949 & 1968 CONVENTION MODELS**  
**Document presented by AIT/FIA**

The AIT/FIA carried out a study of the different models of International Driving Permits (referred to in this paper as IDPs) issued by motoring organisations and in use world-wide. This research led to the preparation of a booklet on IDPs and during the course of the research it was noted that there are many variations from the models in the Annexes of the 1949 and 1968 Road Traffic Conventions.

The AIT/FIA would like to hear the views of the Working Party on whether steps should be taken to ask the Contracting Parties of the conventions to adhere to the models given in the Annexes to the Conventions (Annex 10 of the 1949 Convention, Annex 7 of 1968 Convention) or whether the Contracting Parties should have a free hand in the production of their own versions of IDPs.

There are variations in colour as well as content in the IDPs issued around the world and in two countries there are even versions of IDPs which combine the 1949 and 1968 models. These documents are issued by countries party to the 1968 Convention, not the 1949 Convention. We assume that the reason for this “hybrid” is to ensure recognition in the 1949 signatory countries, the number of which greatly outweigh those of the 1968 Convention.

It would be most helpful if the countries party to the 1949 Convention would accept the 1968 model IDP. This is often not the case, although the 1968 model has been amended to bring the document up to modern standards with the introduction of pictograms.

The AIT/FIA would like to hear the views of WP1 on the following questions:

- (a) Should the UNECE urge countries party to the 1949 Convention to accept and recognise the 1968 IDP in its new format? (consolidated version)
- (b) Should the UNECE remind countries party to the 1949 and 1968 Conventions that as stated in Article 41 of the 1968 Convention, “Contracting Parties shall recognize

...(c) Any international permit conforming to the provisions of Annex 7 to this Convention”.

- (c) In the Report “Future role of the Working Party on Road Safety” 57<sup>th</sup> session, the Secretariat urged WP1 to move forward and contribute to global road safety. The rules governing the issuance of IDPs go some way to preventing fraudulent emissions of such documents. In order to facilitate acceptance and recognition by police forces in various countries, thereby also helping to identify fraudulent documents, would it be preferable to have documents which conform exactly to the models in the Conventions?

The AIT/FIA thank the Working Party for their consideration of the above.

Annexes:

1. Examples of IDPs
2. Annex 10 of the 1949 Road Traffic Convention
3. Annex 7 of the 1968 Road Traffic Convention

## Examples of International Driving Permits

issued around the world



# More IDPs...

RZECZPOSPOLITA POLSKA  
**PL**  
MIĘDZYNARODOWY KARCZ SAMOCHODOWY  
MIĘDZYNARODOWE PRAWO JAZDY  
№ 999991  
Karcz wydana w Warszawie dnia 15 listopada 1988 r.

Wzrost: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wydane przez: \_\_\_\_\_  
w: \_\_\_\_\_  
data: \_\_\_\_\_  
Na krajowego prawa jazdy \_\_\_\_\_


Podpis i pieczęć organu  
wydawającego karcz: \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
International Motor Traffic  
**International Driving Permit**  
Convention on Road Traffic of 19 September 1949  
(Geneva)

Country: **FLORIDA 3294-860, USA**  
Valid For One Year From \_\_\_\_\_

Fee: **\$18.00**

**IMPORTANT** - This permit is not valid  
for driving in the United States

  
Authorized signatory of the AAA Motor Traffic Authority  
00616462

מדינת ישראל  
**STATE OF ISRAEL**  
רשיון בינלאומי לנהיגה  
INTERNATIONAL MOTOR TRAFFIC  
INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

משרד התחבורה  
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT  
ISRAEL

GRAND-DUCHÉ DE LUXEMBOURG  
**L**  
CIRCULATION AUTOMOBILE INTERNATIONALE  
**PERMIS INTERNATIONAL  
DE CONDUIRE No 47492**  
Convention sur le Traité de Genève du 24 septembre 1949

Votre pays: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vos pays: **Luxembourg**

Numéro de permis de conduire national: \_\_\_\_\_

Permis de conduire  
CIRCULATION INTERNACIONAL DE VEHICULOS AUTOMOVILES  
**PERMISO INTERNACIONAL PARA CONDUCIR**  
CONVENCIÓN SOBRE LA CIRCULACIÓN DE VEHICULOS  
MOTORES, DE 24 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 1949

№ 4705049

№ 05045

№ 923804  
جمهوری اسلامی ایران  
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN  
C.I.E.  
جمهوری اسلامی ایران  
INTERNATIONAL MOTOR TRAFFIC  
مجاز رانندگی بین القوم (ترجمه گواهینامه)  
INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON ROAD  
TRAFFIC OF 19 SEPTEMBER 1949  
03 Jan 2009  
M. R. Taghizadeh

CANADA  
INTERNATIONAL MOTOR TRAFFIC  
CIRCULATION AUTOMOBILE INTERNATIONALE  
**INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT  
PERMIS INTERNATIONAL DE CONDUIRE**  
Convention sur le Traité de Genève du 24 septembre 1949

№ 838283

(1949 Convention)

Annex 10

MODEL INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT

DIMENSIONS: 105 x 148 mm

Colours: cover: grey  
pages: white

Pages 1 and 2 shall be drawn up in the national language or languages.

The entire last page shall be drawn up in French.

Additional pages of the International Driving Permit shall repeat in other languages the text of part I of the last page. They shall be drawn up in the following languages:

(a) Language(s) prescribed by the legislation of the issuing State,

(b) The official languages of the United Nations,

(c) At the most six other languages, chosen at the discretion of the issuing State.

The authoritative translation of the text of the permit in the different languages shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by Governments, each one in the language which concerns it.

The written remarks shall be written in Latin characters or in so-called English script.

PAGE 1  
(Cover)

(Name of Country)

INTERNATIONAL MOTOR TRAFFIC  
INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT

Convention on International Road Traffic of 19 September 1949

.....

Issued at.....

Date.....

1

Seal or  
stamp of  
authority

<sup>1</sup> Signature or seal of authority

or

Signature or seal of the Association empowered by the authority

PAGE 2  
(Inside cover)

This permit is valid in the territory of all the Contracting States with the exception of the territory of the Contracting State where issued, for the period of one year from the date of issue, for the driving of vehicles included in the category or categories mentioned on the last page of this permit.

[Space reserved for a list of the Contracting States (optional)]

It is understood that this permit shall in no way affect the obligation of the holder to conform strictly to the laws and regulations relating to residence or to the exercise of a profession which are in force in each country through which he travels.

Part I

Part II

Particulars concerning the Driver:

1. Surname 1  
 2. Other names\* 2  
 3. Place of birth\*\* 3  
 4. Date of birth\*\*\* 4  
 5. Permanent place of residence 5

Vehicles for which the permit is valid:

A	Motor cycles, with or without a sidecar, invalid carriages and three-wheeled motor vehicles with an unladen weight not exceeding 400 kg (900 lbs.).
B	Motor vehicles used for the transport of passengers and comprising, in addition to the driver's seat, at most eight seats, or those used for the transport of goods and having a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 3,500 kg (7,700 lbs.). Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer.
C	Motor vehicles used for the transport of goods and of which the permissible maximum weight exceeds 3,500 kg (7,700 lbs.). Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer.
D	Motor vehicles used for the transport of passengers and comprising, in addition to the driver's seat, more than eight seats. Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer.
E	Motor vehicles of categories B, C or D, as authorized above, with other than a light trailer.

\* Father's or husband's name may be inserted.  
 \*\* If known.  
 \*\*\* Or approximate age on date of issue.

Signature of holder\*\*\*\*

EXCLUSIONS (countries)

I..... V.....  
 II..... VI.....  
 III..... VII.....  
 IV..... VIII.....

Exclusion: (countries) (VIII)

EXCLUSION  
 Holder of this permit is deprived of the right to drive in (country).....  
 by reason of.....  
 Date.....  
 Signature.....

Should the above space be already filled, use any other space provided for "Exclusion".

Photograph

Seal of the competent authority

(1968 Convention)

ANNEX 7  
INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT

1. The permit shall be a booklet in format A 6 (148 x 105 mm). The cover shall be grey and the inside pages white.
2. The outside and inside of the front cover shall conform, respectively, to model pages Nos. 1 and 2 below; they shall be printed in the national language, or in at least one of the national languages, of the issuing State. The first two inside pages shall be facing pages conforming to model No. 3 below; they shall be printed in French. The inside pages preceding these two pages shall represent the first of them in several languages, which must include English, Russian and Spanish.
3. Handwritten or typed entries made on the permit shall be in Latin characters or in English cursive script.
4. Contracting Parties issuing or authorizing the issuance of international driving permits of which the cover is printed in a language other than English, French, Russian or Spanish shall communicate to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the translation into that language of the text of model page No. 3 below.

MODEL PAGE No. 1  
(Outside of front cover)

International Motor Traffic  
INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT

No. ....

Convention on Road Traffic of 8 November 1968

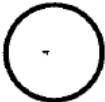
Valid until ..... 1

Issued by ..... 2

At ..... 3

Date ..... 4

Number of domestic driving permit



- 1 Name of the issuing State and its distinguishing sign as defined in Annex 3.
- 2 Either no more than three years after the date of issue or the date of expiry of the domestic driving permit, whichever is earlier.
- 3 Signature of the authority or association issuing the permit.
- 4 Seal or stamp of the authority or association issuing the permit.

MODEL PAGE No. 2  
(Inside of front cover)

(The present Model page No. 2 is applicable until 28 March 2011 at the latest (see new article 43)). The new one applicable from 29 March 2011 is reproduced in dark blue hereafter.

.....  
This permit is not valid for the territory of: .....

.....  
It is valid for the territories of all the other Contracting Parties. The categories of vehicles for the driving of which it is valid are stated at the end of the booklet.

1

.....  
This permit shall in no way affect the obligation of the holder to conform to the laws and regulations relating to residence and to the exercise of a profession in each State through which he travels. In particular, it shall cease to be valid in a State if its holder establishes his normal residence there.

(New Model page No. 2 applicable from 29 March 2011, (see new Article 43))

.....  
This permit is not valid for the territory of: .....

.....  
It is valid for the territories of all the other Contracting Parties on condition that it is presented with the corresponding domestic driving permit. The categories of vehicles for which the permit is valid are stated at the end of the booklet.














2

.....  
This permit shall cease to be valid in the territory of another Contracting Party if its holder establishes his normal residence there.

- 1 Enter here the name of the Contracting Party in which the holder is normally resident.
- 2 Space reserved for a list of the States which are Contracting Parties (optional).

MODEL 3  
Left hand page

(New Model 3 (Left hand page) applicable from 29 March 2011. (see new Article 43))

PARTICULARS CONCERNING THE DRIVER	
Family name: .....	1. ....
Given name, other names: .....	2. ....
Place of birth: <sup>1</sup> .....	3. ....
Date of birth: .....	4. ....
Place of normal residence: <sup>2</sup> .....	5. ....
CATEGORIES AND SUBCATEGORIES OF VEHICLES, WITH THE CORRESPONDING CODES, FOR WHICH THE PERMIT IS VALID	
Category code/Pictogram	Subcategory code/Pictogram
A 	A1 
B 	B1 
C 	C1 
D 	D1 
BE 	
CE 	C1E 
DE 	D1E 
RESTRICTIVE CONDITIONS OF USE <sup>3</sup>	

<sup>1</sup> The place of birth may be replaced by other particulars defined by domestic legislation.  
<sup>2</sup> To be completed when required by domestic legislation.  
<sup>3</sup> For example: "Must wear corrective lenses"; "Valid only for driving vehicle No. ...."; "Vehicle must be equipped to be driven by a one-legged person".

MODEL 3  
Right hand page

(New Model 3 (Right hand page) applicable from 29 March 2011. (see new Article 43))

1. ....	
2. ....	
3. ....	
4. ....	
5. ....	
STAMP <sup>4</sup>	STAMP <sup>4</sup>
A	A1
B	B1
C	C1
D	D1
BE	
CE	C1E
DE	D1E
Signature of the holder .....	
DISQUALIFICATIONS: The holder is deprived of the right to drive in the territory of ..... <sup>5</sup> until ..... <sup>6</sup> A1 ..... <sup>6</sup> on ..... <sup>6</sup>	
The holder is deprived of the right to drive in the territory of ..... <sup>5</sup> until ..... <sup>6</sup> A1 ..... <sup>6</sup> on ..... <sup>6</sup>	

<sup>4</sup> Seal or stamp of the authority or association issuing the permit. This seal or stamp shall be affixed against the designated categories or subcategories only if the holder is licensed to drive the appropriate vehicles.  
<sup>5</sup> Name of State.  
<sup>6</sup> Signature and seal or stamp of the authority which has invalidated the permit in its territory. If the spaces provided for disqualifications on this page have already been used, any further disqualifications should be entered on a separate sheet.