

I. Proposal for an amendment to the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3)

Proposal

Insert a new paragraph, 1.10., to read

"1.10. "Manufacturer" means the person or body who is responsible to the approval authority for all aspects of the type approval process and for ensuring conformity of production. It is not essential that the person or body is directly involved in all stages of the construction of the vehicle or component which is the subject of the approval process."

II. Proposal for a new definition in Special Resolution No. 1 (S.R. 1)

Proposal

Annex 1, Insert a new paragraph, 8., to read

"8. "Manufacturer" means the person or body who is responsible to the approval authority for all aspects of the type approval process and for ensuring conformity of production. It is not essential that the person or body is directly involved in all stages of the construction of the vehicle or component which is the subject of the approval process."

III. Justification

1. Many UN Regulations have been issued in the framework of the 1958 Agreement and the 1998 Agreement without defining the term "Manufacturer", but this lack of precision did not create difficulties because the first Regulations referred to simple products, and the understanding was unambiguous.

2. More recently, the Regulations have started to address intricate relationships between the road vehicles and their components, involving a mesh of technical interactions, making it complicated to assess the respective responsibilities of the parties. In view of this, it is advisable to include relevant and precise definitions in the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3) under the 1958 Agreement and the Special Resolution No. 1 (S.R.1) under the 1998 Agreement.