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**AMENDMENTS TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1968
CONVENTIONS ON ROAD TRAFFIC AND ON ROAD SIGNS
AND SIGNALS AND THE 1971 EUROPEAN AGREEMENTS
SUPPLEMENTING THEM**

Proposed amendments and additions to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic

Pursuant to the decisions adopted by the group of experts on driving permits at meetings held in Saint Petersburg (Russian Federation) from 29 to 31 August 2001 and in Annecy (France) on 4 and 5 April 2002, and also the results of their discussions at the thirty-eighth session of the UN/ECE Inland Transport Committee, amendments and additions to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic have been proposed with respect to the introduction of new models of domestic and international driving permits, applicable to all Contracting Parties, and also of a procedure for their use and mutual recognition.

It was proposed that the Convention should include requirements for applicants for driving permits and also for persons conducting examinations of applicants for permits to drive motor vehicles.

It was also proposed that article 43 of the Convention should provide for a transition period, which will be required in order to enable Contracting Parties to bring their domestic legislation into line with the new provisions of the Convention, and to solve organizational

problems arising in connection with the transition to the production of the new model of driving permit. It has been suggested that the length of the transition period (approximately 10 years) should be determined by the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety.

In the light of the foregoing, it is advisable to make the following amendments and additions to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic:

1. In article 41:

1.1. The following text should be added at the end of paragraph 1 (b):

“persons authorized to verify that drivers possess the required knowledge and skill shall be duly qualified; the content of, and procedure for conducting, the theoretical and practical examinations shall be regulated by domestic legislation;”

1.2. The following text should be added at the end of paragraph 1 (c):

“including requirements for the theoretical and practical examinations and medical requirements;”

1.3. Paragraph 2 (a) should be deleted; paragraph 2 (b) should become 2 (a), and the conjunction “and” following the semicolon should be deleted; paragraph 2 (c) should become 2 (b).

1.4. Add new paragraph 3, renumbering the following paragraphs accordingly. New paragraph 3 shall read as follows:

“Domestic legislation may limit the period of validity of a domestic driving permit. The period of validity of domestic and international permits issued by a Contracting Party may be limited in the territory of another Contracting Party only by the period of validity of the permit, as determined by the Party that issued the permit, or in connection with a change in the civil status of the holder of the permit in accordance with the domestic legislation of the Contracting Party.”

1.5. In paragraph 3 (c), replace “categories C, D and E” with “categories (subcategories) C, D, CE and DE”.

1.6. Paragraphs 4 and 5 should be deleted, and paragraphs 6 and 7 should be renumbered accordingly.

2. Add new paragraph 4 to article 42, which shall read as follows:

“4. The Contracting Parties undertake to include in their legislation a provision stipulating that, in the case of withdrawal of the right to drive a motor vehicle from a person who is a permanent resident in the territory of a Contracting Party, his international permit shall be forfeited together with his domestic permit.”

3. Article 43 shall read as follows:

“ARTICLE 43

“Transitional provisions

“1. The Contracting Parties shall issue domestic driving permits in accordance with the new wording of Annex 6 after the expiry of [10] years from the date of its entry into force.

“2. Domestic driving permits issued prior to the entry into force of the new wording of Annex 6 shall be considered to be valid in accordance with article 41, paragraph 3.

“3. The Contracting Parties shall issue international driving permits in accordance with the new wording of Annex 7 after the expiry of [10] years from the date of its entry into force only in addition to domestic permits which were issued prior to the expiry of this period and which do not conform to the new wording of Annex 6.”

4. Annex 6 to the Convention shall read as follows:

“ANNEX 6

“DOMESTIC DRIVING PERMIT

“1. The domestic driving permit shall take the form of a document.

“2. The preferred format of the permit shall be 54 mm x 86 mm. The permit may be made of plastic or paper. The preferred colour of the permit shall be pink, the typeface and reciprocal placement of entries on each side of the permit shall be determined by domestic legislation.

“3. The outside of the permit shall bear the words ‘Driving permit’ in the national language (national languages) of the country issuing the permit, [logos (perhaps the United Nations Road Safety Week logo)], and the name and/or distinctive sign of the country issuing the permit.

“4. The following particulars appear on the driving permit; they shall be numbered as follows:

1. *Surname;*
2. *First name, other names;*
3. *Date of birth;*
- 4 (a) *Date of issue;*

- 4 (b) *Date of expiry;*
- 4 (c) *Name or seal of the authority issuing the permit;*
- 5. *Number of the permit;*
- 6. *Holder's photograph;*
- 7. *Holder's signature;*
- 9. *Categories (subcategories) for which the permit is valid;*
- 10. *Additional particulars or limitations on validity relating to each category of vehicle in coded form.*

[Note: Proposals on the use of codification shall be drawn up by a representative of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in the group of experts on driving permits.]

“5. The permit may include the following additional particulars as determined by domestic legislation; they shall be numbered as follows:

- 3. *Place of birth (in addition to date of birth);*
- 4 (d) *Identification number for registration purposes, if different from the number referred to in item 5;*
- 8. *Place of permanent residence;*
- 10. *Date on which the right to drive each category (subcategory) of vehicle enters into force;*
- 11. *Date on which the permit to drive each category (subcategory) of vehicle expires;*
- 13. *Information for registration purposes concerning a change in the country of permanent residence;*
- 14. *Information for registration purposes or other information relating to road traffic safety.*

“6. All entries made on the permit shall be only in Latin characters or, if they are made in the national language, they shall be repeated in Latin characters.

- “7. The particulars numbered from 1 to 7 shall, as a matter of preference, be situated on one side of the permit. The disposition of the remaining particulars, numbered from 8 to 14, shall be determined by domestic legislation. Domestic legislation may also make provision for placing electronic information.
- “8. The categories of vehicles for which the driving permit may be valid are the following:
- A. Motorcycles;
 - B. Motor vehicles, other than those in category A, having a permissible maximum mass not exceeding 3,500 kg and not more than eight seats in addition to the driver’s seat; a motor vehicle of category B coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass does not exceed 750 kg; a motor vehicle of category B coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass exceeds 750 kg but does not exceed the unladen mass of the motor vehicle, and the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled does not exceed 3,500 kg;
 - C. Motor vehicles, other than those in category D, having a permissible maximum mass exceeding 3,500 kg; a motor vehicle of category C coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass does not exceed 750 kg;
 - D. Motor vehicles used for the carriage of passengers and having more than eight seats in addition to the driver’s seat; a motor vehicle of category D coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass does not exceed 750 kg;
 - BE. A motor vehicle of category B coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass exceeds 750 kg and exceeds the unladen mass of the vehicle; a vehicle of category B coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass exceeds 750 kg, and the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled exceeds 3,500 kg;
 - CE. A motor vehicle of category C coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass exceeds 750 kg;
 - DE. A motor vehicle of category D coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass exceeds 750 kg.
- “9. Under categories A, C, CE, D and DE, domestic legislation may introduce the following subcategories of vehicles for which the driving permit may be valid:
- A1. Motorcycles equipped with an engine whose maximum working capacity does not exceed 125 cm³ and whose maximum net power output does not exceed 11 kW;

- B1. Tricycles and quadricycles;
- C1. Motor vehicles, with the exception of those in category D, whose permissible maximum mass exceeds 3,500 kg but does not exceed 7,500 kg; a motor vehicle of subcategory C1 coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass does not exceed 750 kg;
- D1. Motor vehicles used for the carriage of passengers and having more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat but not more than 16 seats in addition to the driver's seat; a motor vehicle of category D1 coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass does not exceed 750 kg;
- C1E. A motor vehicle of category C1 coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass exceeds 750 kg but does not exceed the unladen mass of the vehicle, and the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled does not exceed 12,000 kg;
- D1E. A motor vehicle of subcategory D1 coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass exceeds 750 kg but does not exceed the unladen mass of the vehicle, and the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled does not exceed 12,000 kg.

“10. Domestic legislation may also introduce other categories of vehicles that have not been included in the above list of categories and subcategories. The designations of such categories shall be determined by domestic legislation and should not resemble other symbols used in the Convention to designate categories (subcategories) of vehicles.

“11. Categories (subcategories) of vehicles for which permits are valid shall be supplemented by the pictograms indicated in the table below:

Category	Pictogram	Subcategory	Pictogram
A		A1	
B		B1	
C		C1	
D		D1	
BE			
CE		C1E	
DE		D1E	

”

5. The following amendments shall be made to Annex 7 of the Convention:

5.1. In model page No. 2 (inside of front cover), at the end of the second sentence of the first paragraph add the words: “upon presentation of the appropriate valid domestic driving permit”.

5.2. In model 3 (left-hand page) in the section entitled “Categories of vehicle for which the permit is valid”, the table shall appear as follows:

The categories and subcategories shall be as follows:

Category	Pictogram	Subcategory	Pictogram
A		A1	
B		B1	
C		C1	
D		D1	
BE			
CE		C1E	
DE		D1E	

5.3. In model 3 (right-hand page), the table of categories of vehicles shall appear as follows:

Seal or stamp	Seal or stamp
A	A1
B	B1
C	C1
D	D1
BE	
CE	C1E
DE	D1E

5.4. In footnote 4 to model 3 (right-hand page), the second sentence should read as follows: “This seal or stamp shall be affixed against the designation of the categories or subcategories only if the holder is licensed to drive vehicles in the category in question.”
