

*Informal Document N° 3 Bis (English only)*

**QUESTIONNAIRE ON OVERTAKING**  
**Existing national legislation**

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Armenia	No	No	No	Yes, <u>Speed limit of the low-speed vehicles:</u> 30km/h
Bulgaria	Yes  The sign is used for signalling a road stretch where the minimal visibility distance is not available. ( <i>Art. 76, Regulation №18 on the signalization of the roads by using road signs</i> )	Yes  The sign is used for signalling a road stretch where the minimal visibility distance is not available. ( <i>Art. 76, Regulation №18 on the signalization of the roads by using road signs</i> )	Yes  <u>Conditions:</u> The driver should carry out the overtaking in such manner that he/she doesn't infringe upon the possibility for the vehicles coming from the opposite direction to pass unobstructedly	No
Canada	Yes  In the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Canada, the « Passing Prohibited » sign indicates to drivers that they must not overtake another vehicle within a specified zone. It is used to restrict passing manœuvres due to limited sight distance which makes overtaking hazardous. The termination of this zone may be indicated by the placement of a « Passing Permitted » sign.	No	No  <u>Conditions:</u> Signs are not required to overtake two-wheeled vehicles. A provincial Highway Traffic Act states the following: "Every person on a bicycle or motor assisted bicycle who is overtaken by a vehicle travelling at a greater speed shall turn out to the right and allow the vehicle to pass and the vehicle overtaking shall turn out to the left so far as may be necessary to avoid a collisions."	No
Croatia	Yes  In situations when two lanes in each direction are changing into one in each direction because of the approaching to the tunnel with only one lane in each direction or due to road works.	Yes  When conditions on road are such that goods vehicles could not achieve even a minimum allowed speed prescribed for that road (weather conditions, longitudinal inclination of the road) and in the tunnel.	Yes  <u>Conditions:</u> The national legislation does not contain the special conditions for overtaking of these vehicles. It is allowed in any circumstances.	No

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Cyprus	Yes In tunnels	Yes Next to weighting stations	No	No
Czech Republic	Yes On such parts of the road where the overtaking could be dangerous	Yes On such parts of the road where the overtaking could be dangerous or on road with turns, on uphill road, secondary road etc.	Yes <u>Conditions:</u> this is the general rule, no condition are specified	No
Denmark	Yes When it is prohibited for a vehicle in the left hand lane to overtake a power-driven vehicle (except two-wheeled mopeds and two-wheeled motorcycles) in the right hand lane	Yes When it is prohibited for a vehicle in the left hand lane to overtake a power-driven vehicle (except two-wheeled mopeds and two-wheeled motorcycles) in the right hand lane – just for heavy vehicles (> 3,5t)	Yes <u>Conditions:</u> It is permitted if not in conflict with other rules e.g. crossing a continuous line	No
Estonia	No	No	Yes <u>Conditions:</u> If they have a speed below 30 km/h (kph), depending of the line width.	Yes <u>Speed limit of the low-speed vehicles:</u> 30 km/h
France	Yes Sign C, 13aa (B,3 in the Highway code) Prohibited to overtake all motor vehicles other than two wheelers without a side-car.	Yes Sign C, 13ba (B,3a in the Highway code) Prohibition for vehicles whose weight exceeds 3.5 tonnes to overtake any motor vehicle other than two-wheelers without a side-car.	Yes <u>Conditions:</u> R.414.4.-4 « While overtaking the driver must take care not to risk contact with the road user he wants to overtake. In all cases, the driver shall not allow less than 1 metre in a built-up area of 1.5 metres outside built-up areas when passing vehicles pulled by an animal, two or three wheeled vehicles, pedestrians, a horse rider or an animal. »	Yes <u>Speed limit of the low-speed vehicles:</u> between 25 and 40km/h 40km/h for tractors
Georgia	No	No	Yes <i>(to be completed)</i>	Yes <i>(to be completed)</i>

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Greece	No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer
Israel	Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prevention of hazardous situations at road-work sites</li><li>- Prevention of intrusion into oncoming lane(s)</li></ul>	Yes <p>Trucks are prohibited from overtaking at rare occasions, especially narrow uphill roads</p>	Yes <p><u>Conditions:</u> As long as the overtaking vehicle does not cross a solid dividing line</p>	No
Kazakhstan	No	Yes <p>Goods vehicles with the mass higher than 3.5 tones can not overtake all the means of transportation but a vehicle which is moving with the speed lower than 30 km/h. Tractors cannot overtake any transport besides horses and bicycles.</p>	Yes <p><u>Conditions:</u> Within the same traffic lane</p>	Yes <p><u>Speed limit of the low-speed vehicles:</u> 30km/h</p>
Kyrgyzstan	Yes <i>(to be completed)</i>	Yes <i>(to be completed)</i>	Yes <i>(to be completed)</i>	Yes <i>(to be completed)</i>

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Liechtenstein	No  The road signal exists, but is not used in Liechtenstein, since the Liechtenstein road network does not offer this situation.	No  The road signal exists, but is not used in Liechtenstein, since the Liechtenstein road network does not offer this situation.	<p>Yes</p> <p>The road signal “Overtaking prohibited” with no. 2.44 prohibits drivers of motor vehicles from overtaking motor vehicles driving on multiple lanes.</p> <p>The road signal “Overtaking by goods vehicles” (heavy motor vehicles for transporting goods over 3,5 t, with the exception of omnibuses) with no. 2.45 prohibits drivers of motor vehicles and vehicles with trailers from overtaking motor vehicles driving on multiple lanes.</p> <p>The prohibitions are lifted with the signals “End of prohibition of overtaking” (2.55 and 2.56).</p> <p><b>Overtaking in special cases</b></p> <p>The driver may not overtake any vehicle that is overtaking another vehicle, unless at least one of the vehicles is a motorcycle or a bicycle and the road is wide and visibility is clear.</p> <p>If the users of their own side of the road are not obstructed, a driver may overtake to the right of safety lines also in curves or before hilltops. At railroad crossings without barriers, the driver may not overtake anyone, except pedestrians, users of vehicle-like equipment, and bicycles, if visibility is good.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>In the case of both road signals, drivers may, to the extent possible without danger, overtake motor vehicles not driving faster than 30 km/h (single-axis vehicles, hand-drawn motor vehicles, motor carts, work carts, and agricultural motor vehicles).</p>
Lithuania	No	No	No	<p>Yes</p> <p><u>Speed limit of the low-speed vehicles:</u> 30km/h</p>

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Luxembourg	Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Alternate signing of the prohibition to overtake</li><li>- In spots where overtaking could be dangerous because of the configuration of the location or because of heavy traffic.</li></ul>	Yes  In spots where overtaking could be dangerous because of the configuration of the location or because of heavy traffic.	Yes  In all circumstances (involving a change of lane or not), the driver shall keep his vehicle at a sufficient distance from the vehicle, pedestrian or animal he is overtaking so as not to put in danger other road users. After having passed on the left, the driver shall resume his position on the right as soon as he can without inconvenience.	No
Netherlands	Yes  Different sign for C, 13ab: No red border, three black bars	Yes  Different sign for C, 13bb: No red border, three black bars	No	No
Portugal	Yes  C, 13aa Near a stretch of road where one lane is reserved for drivers leaving the road	Yes  C, 13ab On stretches of road with intense traffic and on steep ascend	Yes  Only with sign C, 13aa. It is possible to leave the traffic lane if there are not continuous lines	No
Romania	No	No	Yes  On the condition that the overtaking can be done without disturbing traffic in the other direction	No
Russian Federation	No	No	No	Yes  <u>Speed limit of the low-speed vehicles:</u> 30km/h
Serbia (Republic of)	No	No	Yes  It is permitted to overtake within the same traffic lane	No
Spain	No	No	No	No

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Switzerland	Yes  C, 13aa  <b>Art. 26, al. 1, OSR:</b>  "The sign «Overtaking prohibited» prohibits drivers of cars from overtaking motor vehicles with wheels placed next to each other, tramways and road trains, when these vehicles are moving."	Yes  C, 13ba  <b>Art. 26, al. 2 et 3, OSR:</b>  "The sign «Prohibited for lorries to overtake» (2.45) prohibits drivers of motor vehicles and articulated vehicles, whose total weight indicated in the registration certificate exceeds 3.5 t, from overtaking motor vehicles with wheels placed next to each other, tramways and road trains, when these vehicles are moving; coaches are not subjected to this prohibition.  These two signs (2.44 et 2.45) do not prohibit drivers from overtaking, if there is no danger, vehicles whose maximum weight is limited to 30 km/h (single axle vehicles, cranes equipped with a motor, motorised carts, work trucks, agricultural vehicles [...]. Tramways and road trains in motion may be passed on the right."  Overtaking prohibitions applicable to coaches and lorries are put in place where safety requires it. Density of traffic, visibility and the gradient of the road are the principal criteria to be considered.	Yes  Overtaking of a two-wheeled vehicle is authorised. General rules regarding overtaking shall be respected. (see 2.1 and 2.2)	Yes  <b>art. 26, al. 3, OSR:</b>  "These tow signs (C, 13aa, C, 13ba) do not prohibit drivers from overtaking, if there is no danger, vehicles whose maximum weight is limited to 30 km/h (single axle vehicles, cranes equipped with a motor, motorised carts, work trucks, agricultural vehicles; art. 11, al. 2, let. g, 13, al. 3, let. b, 17 et 161 à 166, OETV).  Tramways and road trains in motion may be passed on the right."
Turkey	No	Yes	Yes  <i>(to be completed)</i>  <i>Note 4</i>	Yes  <i>(to be completed)</i>  <i>Note 5</i>
<b>TOTAL (24 replies)</b>	<b>12 Yes</b> <b>11 No</b> <b>1 no answer</b>	<b>13 Yes</b> <b>10 No</b> <b>1 no answer</b>	<b>16 Yes</b> <b>7 No</b> <b>1 no answer</b>	<b>10 Yes</b> <b>13 No</b> <b>1 no answer</b>

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