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UNECE Legal Instruments and the “How to” Manuals

Can we do better?

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How to Manuals

- Excellent work (WHO, FIA, GRSP, WB)
- Provide step by step guidance to countries
- Proposing simple and cost effective solutions
- Could have been even better?
UNECE Related
Products & Activities

• Legal instruments
• Best practices
• Projects
Road Traffic Safety,

- Conventions on Road Traffic, of 1949 and 1968
- Convention on Road Signs and Signals, of 1968
- European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic

Provide a set of international agreed road traffic regulations aimed at the improvement of the efficiency and safety of international road traffic
Road safety legal instruments

Close to global coverage
Not yet exploited enough for the benefit of all the RCs
Why not a « how to » manual on road signs and signals?
**JAPAN**
- Road closed
- Proceed slowly
- Closed to vehicles carrying dangerous goods
- Stop
- No overtaking
- Stopping permitted
- Centre line
- Safety zone
- Stop line

**KUWAIT**
- Right lane closed
- Clinic

AIT/FIA Information Centre (OTA)
Safe and Clean Vehicles

Vehicles Regulation, 1958

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of these Prescriptions

Technical Inspection of Vehicles, 1997

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of Such Inspections

Global Vehicles Regulation, 1998

Agreement concerning the Establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles
Transport Facilitation and efficiency

Dangerous goods (ADR) and its protocol

Transport Statistics

European Agreement Concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR),

Facilitate international carriage of goods and passengers, increase safety, prevent professional drivers from driving excessive hours
Work of crews (AETR)

Introduction of the Digital Tachograph
Best Practices

Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1)

*Update and modernization to be approved this week*

Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2)

*Set of best practices and recommendations*
ECE Transport Infrastructure Agreements

European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)

E-Road Network

- Legal framework for developing safe and comfortable road network
  - Grid reference roads
  - Developed within national plans
  - No set implementation time
  - Infrastructure parameters

- Geometric Characteristics
- Management and safety equipment
- General arrangements for tunnels
- Environment, landscaping and maintenance

37 CPs
319 Road Projects - 49.5 billion €
€ 15.1 billion of funding secured (31%)
Transport Infrastructure Challenges
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• Under guidance of TEM countries (81, 92 & AGR 97)
• US Transportation Board HCM (Report 209)
• European Standardization (226 & 227)
• Planning-Design Parameters-Traffic Regulations-Safety Facilities

Although primary application is for TEM, these standards are at disposal to other UN countries which find them beneficial for the formulation or updating of their national standards
112 road projects / about 13 billion $ 
50% projects have secured funding for implementation by 2010
Conclusions

- Wider acceptance, better implementation
- Strengthened cooperation (WP.1 and SC.1)
- Better use of ECE products and expertise
- Future “How to” manuals in cooperation with RCs, including promotion of accession to ECE legal instruments
- Use TEM and EATL for pilot actions (i RAP)
- RCs should “think global - act regional”
Thank you!