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Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals:

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Submitted by the Government of Belgium*

Introduction

1. At the sixty-third session of the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1), it was agreed that the Government of Belgium would revise its amendment proposal (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/3) by referencing "Measures achieving comparable levels". However, in the process of revising ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2011/3, the Government of Belgium decided to make more substantive changes resulting, in the present document (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2012/9). The document proposes amending the Consolidated Resolution on Road Signs and Signals (R.E.2) by including a new road sign to indicate the presence of a secure parking area as well as its level of security and comfort.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2012–2013 (ECE/TRANS/2012/9, cluster C, page 9) the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) examines matters and adopts measures aimed at improving road traffic safety. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

1.15 Signing of secure parking areas for trucks

1.15.1 Context

2. Different road signs are emerging all over the globe to indicate where a secured truck parking area is located, and which level of security and comfort this parking offers. It is of utmost importance that the driver, certainly long haulage, is not confronted with a multiple number of different road signs that all represent, in the end, the same.

3. Comfort and security are important in regard to road safety a good night rest without having to worry about personal security or the integrity of the cargo, as well as a certain level of comfort in regard to food, beverages and overall hygiene, are crucial towards the drivers alertness and hence road safety in general.

1.15.2 Definition

4. The symbol of a lock indicates the security level of a certain parking area, and the symbol of a star indicates the comfort level of a certain parking area.

1.15.3 Recommendations

1.15.3.1 Identification

5. The first already existing symbol is the known 'P', indicating the presence of a parking area. The second symbol, also already existing, is the image of a truck. If used in combination with the 'P', this indicates that the parking area is intended for trucks. Two new symbols are added: locks and stars (cf. Annex). The locks indicate the security level, whereas the stars show the comfort level. The more locks, the more safety measures are taken. The more stars, the more comfort provisions there are.

6. If the symbols of the locks and stars are put on an additional panel, then the appropriate colour combination is the following: a white background with black symbols or a blue background with white symbols.

7. If the symbols are added on a road sign itself, then the appropriate colour combination is the following: a blue background with white symbols or a white background with black symbols.

8. The enumeration of the measures for each of both categories 'safety' and 'comfort' are out of scope within this recommendation. This recommendation solely aims to identify which symbols are to be used to indicate the level of security and comfort in regard to secured truck parking areas. Countries that wish to comply themselves with the set of standards used by the IRU, can find more information about these standards on the IRU website (<http://www.iru.org>).

1.15.3.2 Placement

9. This system applies to parking areas where trucks are able to park. It does not apply to parking areas where trucks are not able or are not allowed to park.

10. It applies furthermore to local, regional and national government initiatives as well as to private initiatives; it is consequently irrelevant who has taken the initiative to create the secure truck park.

11. The symbols can be used within a road sign that is put aside the road, or on a sign placed at the entrance of a private owned secured parking. Some countries may have legal issues with the first option, some not, but is important that those who wish to pursue the first option have the possibility to do so in accordance with the resolution.

Annex

1. The symbols below can be combined with the existing symbols 'P' (indication of a parking area) and the symbol of a truck, to indicate the presence of a secured truck parking area and its level of security and comfort.
2. The number of stars and locks on the road sign varies from zero to five. The more locks, the higher the security level. The more stars, the higher the comfort level.
3. The colours are to be chosen according to regulations as set out in 1.15.3.1.

