Proposal for amendments to Regulations Nos. 28, 51, 59 and 117

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I. Proposal

A. Regulation No. 28 (Audible warning devices)

Paragraph 7.1 to 7.3., amend to read:

"7.1. Any modification of the type of audible warning device shall be notified to the Type Approval Authority which granted approval to the type of audible warning device. This department may then either:

(a) decide, in consultation with the manufacturer, that a new type-approval is to be granted, or

(b) apply the procedure contained in paragraph 7.1.1. (Revision) and, if applicable, the procedure contained in paragraph 7.1.2. (Extension)."

7.1.1. Revision

When particulars recorded in the information documents of Annex 1 have changed and the Type Approval Authority considers that the modifications made are not likely to have any appreciable adverse effect and that in any case the vehicle still complies with the requirements, the modification shall be designated a “revision”.

In such a case, the Type Approval Authority shall issue the revised pages of the information documents of Annex 1 as necessary, marking each revised page to show clearly the nature of the modification and the date of re-issue. A consolidated, updated version of the information documents of Annex 1, accompanied by a detailed description of the modification, shall be deemed to meet this requirement.

7.1.2. Extension

The modification shall be designated an “extension” if, in addition to the change of the particulars recorded in the information documents of Annex 1, any of the following has occurred:

(a) further inspections or tests are required, or

(b) any information on the communication document (with the exception of its attachments) has changed, or

(c) approval to a later series of amendments is requested after its entry into force.

or call for a new report from the technical service responsible for the tests.

7.2. Notice of confirmation of the approval, with particulars of the modifications, or of refusal of approval shall be communicated to the Parties to the Agreement applying this Regulation, in accordance with the procedure indicated in
paragraph 5.4. above. Confirmation or refusal of approval, specifying the alterations shall be communicated by the procedure specified in paragraph 5.4. above to the Parties to the Agreement applying this Regulation. In addition, the index to the information documents and to the test reports, attached to the communication document of Annex 1, shall be amended accordingly to show the date of the most recent revision or extension.

7.3. The competent Type Approval Authority issuing the extension of approval shall assign a series number to each communication form drawn up for such an extension.”

B. Regulation No. 51 (Noise of M and N categories of vehicles)

Paragraph 7.1. to 7.3., amend to read:

7.1. Every modification of an existing vehicle type shall be notified to the Type Approval Authority which approved the vehicle type. The department may then either:

(a) decide, in consultation with the manufacturer, that a new type-approval is to be granted, or

(b) apply the procedure contained in paragraph 7.1.1. (Revision) and, if applicable, the procedure contained in paragraph 7.1.2. (Extension).

7.1.1. Revision

When particulars recorded in the information documents of Annex 1 have changed and the Type Approval Authority considers that the modifications made are unlikely to have an appreciable adverse effect and that in any case the vehicle still complies with the requirements, the modification shall be designated a “revision”.

In such a case, the Type Approval Authority shall issue the revised pages of the information documents of Annex 1 as necessary, marking each revised page to show clearly the nature of the modification and the date of re-issue. A consolidated, updated version of the information documents of Annex 1, accompanied by a detailed description of the modification, shall be deemed to meet this requirement.

or

7.1.2. Extension

The modification shall be designated an “extension” if, in addition to the change of the particulars recorded in the information documents of Annex 1,

(d) further inspections or tests are required, or

(e) any information on the communication document (with the exception of its attachments) has changed, or

(f) approval to a later series of amendments is requested after its entry into force.

Require a further report from the Technical Service responsible for conducting the tests.

7.2. Confirmation or refusal of approval, specifying the alterations shall be communicated by the procedure specified in paragraph 5.3. above to the Parties to the Agreement applying this Regulation. In addition, the index to the information documents and to the test reports, attached to the communication document of Annex 1, shall be amended accordingly to show the date of the most recent revision or extension.
7.3. The competent Type Approval Authority issuing the extension of approval shall assign a series number to each communication form drawn up for such an extension and inform thereof the other Parties to the 1958 Agreement applying this Regulation by means of a communication form conforming to the model in Annex 1 to this Regulation.

C. Regulation No. 59 (Replacement silencing systems)

Paragraph 7., delete.

Paragraph 8. to 8.2., renumber as 7. to 7.2. and amend to read:

“7. Modification of the type of silencing systems

7.1. Every modification of the to an existing type of replacement silencing system shall be notified to the Type Approval Authority which approved the type of silencing system. The said Type Approval Authority shall then either:

(a) decide, in consultation with the manufacturer, that a new type-approval is to be granted, or

(b) apply the procedure contained in paragraph 7.1.1. (Revision) and, if applicable, the procedure contained in paragraph 7.1.2. (Extension).”

7.1.1. Revision

When particulars recorded in the information documents of Annex 1 have changed and the Type Approval Authority considers that the modifications made are unlikely to have appreciable adverse effect, the modification shall be designated a “revision.”

In such a case, the Type Approval Authority shall issue the revised pages of the information documents of Annex 1 as necessary, marking each revised page to show clearly the nature of the modification and the date of re-issue. A consolidated, updated version of the information documents of Annex 1, accompanied by a detailed description of the modification, shall be deemed to meet this requirement.

7.1.2. Extension

The modification shall be designated an “extension” if, in addition to the change of the particulars recorded in the information folder,

(a) further inspections or tests are required, or

(b) any information on the communication document (with the exception of its attachments) has changed, or

(c) approval to a later series of amendments is requested after its entry into force.

require a further test report from the Technical Service responsible for conducting the tests.

7.2. Confirmation, extension, or refusal of approval, specifying the alterations, shall be communicated by the procedure specified in paragraph 5.3. above, to the Parties to the Agreement applying this Regulation. In addition, the index to the information documents and to the test reports, attached to the communication document of Annex 1, shall be amended accordingly to show the date of the most recent revision or extension.”

Insert a new paragraph 7.3., to read:
"7.3. The Type Approval Authority granting the extension of approval shall assign a series number for such an extension which shall be shown on the communication form."

D. Regulation No. 117 (Tyre - Rolling resistance, rolling noise and wet grip)

Paragraph 7.1. to 7.1.4., renumber as 7.1. to 7.3. and amend to read:

"7.1. Every modification of the to an existing type of tyre, which may influence the performance characteristics approved in accordance with this Regulation, shall be notified to the Type Approval Authority which approved the type of tyre. The Type Approval Authority may shall then either:

(a) decide, in consultation with the manufacturer, that a new type-approval is to be granted, or

(b) apply the procedure contained in paragraph 7.1.1. (Revision) and, if applicable, the procedure contained in paragraph 7.1.2. (Extension).

7.1.1. Revision

When particulars recorded in the information documents of Annex 1 have changed and the Type Approval Authority considers that the modifications are unlikely to have any appreciable adverse effect on the performance characteristics approved and that the tyre will comply with the requirements of this Regulation, the modification shall be designated a “revision”.

In such a case, the Type Approval Authority shall issue the revised pages of the information documents of Annex 1 as necessary, marking each revised page to show clearly the nature of the modification and the date of re-issue. A consolidated, updated version of the information documents of Annex 1, accompanied by a detailed description of the modification, shall be deemed to meet this requirement.

7.1.2. Extension

The modification shall be designated an “extension” if, in addition to the change of the particulars recorded in the information documents of Annex 1,

(a) further inspections or tests are required, or

(b) any information on the communication document (with the exception of its attachments) has changed, or

(c) approval to a later series of amendments is requested after its entry into force.

Require further samples to be submitted for test or further test reports from the designated technical service.

7.2. Confirmation or refusal of approval, specifying the modifications, shall be communicated by the procedure given in paragraph 5.3. of this Regulation to the Parties to the Agreement which apply this Regulation. In addition, the index to the information documents and to the test reports, attached to the communication document of Annex 1, shall be amended accordingly to show the date of the most recent revision or extension.

7.3. The competent Type Approval Authority granting the extension of approval shall assign a series number for such an extension which shall be shown on the communication form."
II. Justification

1. WP29 adopted the principle of the alignment of the UNECE regulatory system with that of the EU Whole Vehicle Type Approval (WVTA) Directive 2007/46/EC in order to ease the administrative burden for both manufacturers and approval administrations regarding the extension of existing approvals.


3. Yet one particular section of this document addresses the paragraphs related to extensions and revisions of approvals.

4. The aim of the present document is to provide GRB a tool for aligning with the guidelines the regulations which are under the responsibility of GRB.