

United Kingdom comments on

**DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PROPOSED
Informal Working Group on Revision and Amendments to
International L-Category Vehicle Requirements in the Area of
Environmental and Propulsion Performance**

1. Background

This proposal to establish an informal working group on L-category vehicle environmental and propulsion performance requirements aligns with a current initiative by the European Commission to revise type approval procedures for L-category vehicles (powered cycles, mopeds, motorcycles, tricycles and quadricycles). As part of the European Commission's process, a proposal, three delegated acts and one implementing act are currently being drafted, including a Regulation on environmental and propulsion performance requirements (REPPR). The European Commission wishes, as far as possible, to replace the legislative text in the REPPR with references to international regulations, in order to increase harmonisation.

2. Terms of Reference

The informal working group will be open to all interested parties, including contracting party and industry experts.

The informal group will develop the means and resources to:

- a) Understand the current regulatory position for L-category vehicle environmental and propulsion performance in different markets
- b) Identify potential routes for amending UN regulations to **at least maintain, and ideally increase, current levels of** harmonisation
- c) Work both on Regulations under the 1958 and **in particular** 1998 Agreements, **bearing in mind the need for technology neutral test procedures which do not discriminate against specific vehicle technologies or configurations.**
- d) **Demonstrate the real-world representativeness of proposed test procedures.**

The informal group will make every effort to stay abreast of developing issues through regular dialogue and expert presentations.

Project Plan: A project plan with timings based on the activity required to deliver the objectives of the group will be developed. The plan will be regularly reviewed and updated to reflect the latest situation on progress and the feasibility of the timeline.

Documents: Documents for discussion at meetings should be submitted to the secretariat for distribution to the participants at least two weeks in advance of meetings. All documents will be posted on the UNECE GRPE website.

Meetings: Participants will be informed of the date and location of meetings at least one month in advance by the Chairman or Secretariat

Chairmanship: TBD

Secretariat: TBD

Justification

The UK welcomes the Commission's proposal that an Informal Group be established to further develop UNECE Regulations on motorcycle emissions and propulsion performance and their draft proposal for Terms of Reference. The UK believes that it would be appropriate to elaborate on the draft Terms of Reference in line with the overall objectives of regulatory harmonisation, technology neutrality and real-world representativeness in order to clarify the aims of the group. Addition of procedural issues such as project plans, document submission deadlines, meeting arrangements, chairmanship, secretariat etc should also be added once known.