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This document provides guidance for consistent interpretation of the new driving permit categories introduced by the European Union as well as the discrepancies that arose following the publication of the "EU's 3rd Driving Licence Directive.

Options for the appropriate IDP Categories resulting from the new Licence Categories defined in the EU Driving Licence Directive and discrepancies in the Driving Permit/Licence Categories between the 1968 Convention and the EU Driving Licence Directive

1. Introduction

As a result of the new Licence Categories defined in the current EU Driving Licence Directive in accordance with paragraph 10 of Annex 6 of the Convention and the discrepancies that exist in the Driving Permit/Licence Categories between the 1968 Convention and the EU Driving Licence Directive, agencies responsible for the issuing of the IDP have been faced with difficulties in the interpretation of the EU categories and the appropriate UN code to be recorded in the IDP when approached by a holder of an EC licence that has been issued in accordance with Directive 2006/126/EC of 20 December 2006 (3rd Directive).

Whilst the discrepancies cannot be resolved in the immediate future, it is important that guidance be provided to the government departments and agencies responsible for the issuing of IDPs to the holders of EU driving licences that have been issued in accordance with the 3rd Directive.

This document summarises the difficulties experienced and offers suggestions for the consideration and comment of the European Contracting Parties with a view to reach agreement on the interpretation for IDPs to be issued in a consistent manner by all departments and agencies involved, instead of simply allowing each of these departments and agencies to draw their own conclusions regarding the appropriate code to be issued.

Although the "Restrictive Conditions of Use" in the left hand page of the IDP is annotated as 'For example: "Must wear corrective lenses", "Valid only for driving vehicle No.", "Vehicle must be equipped to be driven by a one-legged person".' in the Convention, the options suggested in this document include restrictive conditions of use to be entered in cases where the driving authorisation permitted by the EU driving licence categories is more restrictive in the interest of road safety than the driving permit categories defined in the Convention.

PARTICULARS CONCERNING THE DRIVER			
Family name:	.....	1.	
Given name, other names:	.....	2.	
Place of birth: ¹	.....	3.	
Date of birth:	.....	4.	
Place of normal residence: ²	.....	5.	
CATEGORIES AND SUBCATEGORIES OF VEHICLES, WITH THE CORRESPONDING CODES, FOR WHICH THE PERMIT IS VALID			
Category code/Pictogram		Subcategory code/Pictogram	
A		A1	
B		B1	
C		C1	
D		D1	
BE			
CE		C1E	
DE		D1E	
RESTRICTIVE CONDITIONS OF USE ³			

2. Appropriate IDP category for categories of vehicles in paragraph 8 of Annex 6 of the Convention

Cate-gory	1968 Convention Definition (28 March 2006 amendment)	EU 3 rd Directive Definition (Directive 2006/126/EC of 20 December 2006)	Appropriate Category and Restriction Recorded in IDP
A	Motorcycles.	Motorcycles, with or without a sidecar <u>and motor tricycles with a maximum design speed of more than 45 km/h and power exceeding 15kW.</u>	A ¹
B	Motor vehicles, other than those in category A, having a permissible maximum mass not exceeding 3,500 kg and not more than eight <u>seats</u> in addition to the driver's seat; or motor vehicles of category B coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg; or motor vehicles of category B coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg <u>but does not exceed the unladen mass of the motor vehicle, where the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled does not exceed 3,500 kg.</u>	Motor Vehicles with a maximum authorised mass not exceeding 3,500kg and <u>designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers</u> in addition to the driver; motor vehicles in this category may be combined with a trailer having a maximum authorised mass which does not exceed 750kg. <u>Without prejudice to the provisions of type approval rules for the vehicles concerned, motor vehicles in this category may be combined with a trailer with a maximum authorised mass exceeding 750kg provided, that after training has been completed or a test of skills and behaviour has been passed by the driver, the maximum authorised mass of this combination does not exceed 4,250kg^a.</u>	B ²
C	Motor vehicles, other than those in category D, having a permissible maximum mass exceeding 3,500 kg; or motor vehicles of category C coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg.	Motor vehicles other than those in categories <u>D1 or D</u> , whose maximum authorised mass is over 3,500kg <u>and which are designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver;</u> motor vehicles in this category may be combined with a trailer having a maximum authorised mass which does not exceed 750kg.	C
D	Motor vehicles used for the carriage of passengers and having more than eight <u>seats</u> in addition to the driver's seat; or motor vehicles of category D coupled to a trailer	Motor vehicles <u>designed and constructed</u> for the carriage of more than eight <u>passengers</u> in addition to the driver; motor vehicles in this category may be combined with a trailer having a maximum	D

¹ Contracting parties and other non-contracting countries outside the EU will restrict this driving authorisation to two wheeled vehicles only.

² Contracting parties and other non-contracting countries outside the EU will only allow trailers of which the permissible maximum mass does not exceed the unladen mass of the tractor vehicle and restrict this driving authorisation to a combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled up to 3,500 kg.

Cate-gory	1968 Convention Definition (28 March 2006 amendment)	EU 3 rd Directive Definition (Directive 2006/126/EC of 20 December 2006)	Appropriate Category and Restriction Recorded in IDP
	the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg.	authorised mass which does not exceed 750kg.	
BE	Motor vehicles of category B coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg and exceeds the unladen mass of the motor vehicle; or motor vehicles of category B coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg, where the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled <u>exceeds</u> 3,500 kg.	Without prejudice to the provisions of type approval rules for the vehicles concerned, combinations of vehicles consisting of a motor vehicle in category B and a trailer <u>or semi-trailer</u> where the maximum authorised mass of the trailer or semi-trailer <u>does not exceed</u> 3,500kg.	BE ³
CE	Motor vehicles of category C coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass exceeds 750 kg.	Without prejudice to the provisions of type approval rules for the vehicles concerned, combinations of vehicles where the tractor vehicle in Category C above and its trailer <u>or semi-trailer</u> has a maximum authorised mass exceeding 750kg.	CE
DE	Motor vehicles of category D coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass exceeds 750 kg.	Without prejudice to the provisions of type-approval rules for the vehicles concerned, combinations of vehicles where the tractor vehicle is in category D and its trailer has a maximum authorised mass of over 750kg.	DE

3. Appropriate IDP category for subcategories of vehicles in paragraph 9 of Annex 6 of the Convention

Cate-gory	1968 Convention Definition (28 March 2006 amendment)	EU 3 rd Directive Definition (Directive 2006/126/EC of 20 December 2006)	Appropriate Category and Restriction Recorded in IDP
AM		<u>Two-wheel and three-wheel</u> vehicles with a maximum design speed of not more than 45 km/h and <u>light quadricycles</u>	A1 ⁴ Restrictive condition of use: Design speed ≤ 45 km/h

³ Contracting parties and other non-contracting countries outside the EU will not restrict this driving authorisation to a combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled up to 3,500 kg.

⁴ Contracting parties and other non-contracting countries outside the EU will restrict this driving authorisation to two wheeled vehicles only.

Cate-gory	1968 Convention Definition (28 March 2006 amendment)	EU 3 rd Directive Definition (Directive 2006/126/EC of 20 December 2006)	Appropriate Category and Restriction Recorded in IDP
A1	Motorcycles with a cubic capacity not exceeding 125 cm ³ and a power not exceeding 11 kW (light motorcycles).	Motorcycles with a cylinder capacity not exceeding 125cm ³ and of a power not exceeding 11kW, with or without a sidecar, <u>and motor tricycles</u> with a power not exceeding 15kW.	A1 ⁵
A2		Motorcycles with or without a sidecar of a power not exceeding 35kW.	A Restrictive condition of use: Power ≤ 35 kW
B1	<u>Motor tricycles and quadricycles.</u>	Quadricycles.	B1 ⁶ [Alternative: B1 Restrictive condition of use: Quadricycles only]
C1	Motor vehicles, with the exception of those in category D, the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 3,500 kg but does not exceed 7,500 kg; or motor vehicles of subcategory C1 coupled to a trailer, the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg.	Motor vehicles other than those in Category D and whose maximum authorised mass is over 3,500kg but not more than 7,500kg; <u>designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver</u> ; motor vehicles in this category may be combined with a trailer having a maximum authorised mass which does not exceed 750kg.	C1
D1	Motor vehicles used for the carriage of passengers and having more than 8 <u>seats</u> in addition to the driver's seat	Motor vehicles designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than 16 <u>passengers</u> in addition to the driver <u>and with a maximum length not exceeding 8m</u> ; motor vehicles in this category	D1 Restrictive condition of use: Length ≤ 8 m

⁵ Contracting parties and other non-contracting countries outside the EU will restrict this driving authorisation to two wheeled vehicles only.

⁶ Unless the Alternative is used, contracting parties and other non-contracting countries outside the EU will allow driving of motor tricycles too with this this driving authorisation.

Cate-gory	1968 Convention Definition (28 March 2006 amendment)	EU 3 rd Directive Definition (Directive 2006/126/EC of 20 December 2006)	Appropriate Category and Restriction Recorded in IDP
	but not more than 16 <u>seats</u> in addition to the driver's seat; or motor vehicles of subcategory D1 coupled to a trailer, the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg.	may be combined with a trailer having a maximum authorised mass not exceeding 750kg.	
C1E	Motor vehicles of subcategory C1 coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg <u>but does not exceed the unladen mass of the motor vehicle</u> , where the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled does not exceed 12,000 kg	Without prejudice to the provisions of type approval rules for the vehicles concerned, combinations of vehicles in category C1 above combined with a trailer having a maximum authorised mass exceeding 750kg provided that the maximum authorised mass of the combination does not exceed 12,000kg. <u>Without prejudice to the provisions of type approval rules for the vehicles concerned, combinations of vehicles where the tractor vehicle is in Category B and its trailer has an authorised mass of over 3,500kg provided that the authorised mass of the combination does not exceed 12,000kg.</u>	C1E ⁷

⁷ Contracting parties and other non-contracting countries outside the EU will not allow tractor vehicles from Category B, but restrict this driving authorisation to vehicles from subcategory C1 only and trailers of which the permissible maximum mass does not exceed the unladen mass of the tractor vehicle.

Cate-gory	1968 Convention Definition (28 March 2006 amendment)	EU 3 rd Directive Definition (Directive 2006/126/EC of 20 December 2006)	Appropriate Category and Restriction Recorded in IDP
D1E	Motor vehicles of subcategory D1 coupled to a trailer, not used for the carriage of persons, the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg <u>but does not exceed the unladen mass of the motor vehicle, where the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled does not exceed 12,000 kg</u>	Without prejudice to type approval rules, motor vehicles in category D1 above combined with a trailer having a maximum authorised mass exceeding 750kg.	D1E⁸

⁸ Contracting parties and other non-contracting countries outside the EU will only allow trailers of which the permissible maximum mass does not exceed the unladen mass of the tractor vehicle and restrict this driving authorisation to a combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled up to 12,000 kg.