

Note: the text below is the reproduction of the letter sent by the Director of the Transport Division of UNECE to the mission of Countries becoming Contracting Parties to the 1998 Agreement, in order to inform them on the notification procedure.

TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PERMANENT MISSIONS IN GENEVA OF THE COUNTRIES
CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE 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,
DONE AT GENEVA ON 25 JUNE 1998

Subject: Notifications concerning the 1998 Agreement

Madam, Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the 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, of 1998. As you may know, the purpose of this Agreement, hereinafter called the 1998 Agreement or the Agreement, to which the secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) provides the secretariat, is to establish a global process for the development of global technical regulations (gtrs) regarding the safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and anti-theft performance of wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts.

Such a global process includes an Executive Committee, which is composed of representatives of the Contracting Parties, and which is responsible for the implementation of the Agreement, including the establishment of gtrs under this Agreement (Article 3). The process also includes the creation of a Compendium of candidate global technical regulations, or Compendium of Candidates, (Article 5), and a Global Registry for the establishing of gtrs under the Agreement (Article 6).

For easy reference, the text of the Agreement is available at the following website:
<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29glob/globaut.pdf>

As you may know, the Treaty Section of the UN Office of Legal Affairs communicates officially to the Permanent Missions in New York the Depositary Notifications related to the UN legal instruments by e-mail. As the UNECE secretariat is requested to issue Notifications related to the 1998 Agreement, the UN Treaty Section has recommended that the UNECE secretariat use a similar procedure to circulate these Notifications to the Contracting Parties to the Agreement **through their Permanent Missions in Geneva.**

I would like to inform you that, in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement and in consultation with the Treaty Section of the UN Office of Legal Affairs, the secretariat has now finalized the procedure for communicating to the Permanent Missions in Geneva of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement the Notifications to be circulated by the UNECE secretariat. These Notifications concern the establishment of gtrs in the Global Registry and the listing of candidate

regulations in the Compendium of Candidates, once adopted by the Executive Committee of the Agreement.

In accordance with this procedure, the secretariat circulates the Notifications to the Permanent Missions in Geneva of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement by e-mail messages through the following address: 1998Agreement-Missions@lists.unece.org

This address actually includes the e-mail addresses of all Permanent Missions concerned and that of the secretariat of the Agreement.

Permanent Missions in Geneva of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement are kindly requested to forward to the Treaty Services of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and/or other competent authorities of their Governments the Notifications as soon as they receive them, for further action as required by Article 7 of the Agreement.

Notifications are also posted in the website of the UNECE Transport Division in the following page related to the Agreement:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29glob.html>

For sending Notifications and other communications to other Contracting Parties and to the secretariat, as foreseen in Article 7 of the Agreement, **Permanent Missions in Geneva are kindly requested to use the above-mentioned e-mail address, i.e.:**

1998Agreement-Missions@lists.unece.org

All messages exchanged among Contracting Parties as well as between Contracting Parties and the secretariat are archived in the following website, the access to which is limited to Contracting Parties: <http://lists.unece.org/archives/1998AGREEMENT-Missions.html>

For further information concerning the above-mentioned procedure, please contact

juan.ramos.garcia@unece.org or francois.guichard@unece.org

You may also wish to contact the representatives of your Government at the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) for any further clarification you may need.

I should be grateful if your Permanent Mission could implement the above-mentioned procedure.

Please accept, Madam, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Note: the text below is the reproduction of an example of e-mail sent by the secretariat to the Permanent Mission of a new Contracting party: (i) explaining the functioning of the 1998 Agreement, (ii) requesting indication of the appointed person by the Mission to be the interlocutor with the secretariat concerning the matters of the Agreement and (iii) the competent Administrative Departments of the Country that deals with these matters.

Dear Sir or Madam,

First of all the Secretariat of the UNECE Transport Division would like to congratulate with you for the accession of your Country to the 1998 Agreement.

I would like to remind you that the UN Secretary General delegated the secretarial tasks related to the 1998 Agreement to the UNECE Transport Division Secretariat.

I would like to inform you that the UNECE Transport Division has developed in the framework of the 1998 Agreement, following the advice of the UN Office of Legal Affairs (OLA), an electronic Notification system that the secretariat was recommended to use.

Accordingly, I would like to clarify that a mailing list has been established in order to facilitate communications from the secretariat and from the Contracting Parties, required by the 1998 Agreement. All communications from the UNECE secretariat go through this mailing list to the Permanent Missions in Geneva of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement. The same mailing list allows them also to send communications by a message to an address that is then automatically forwarded to an up-to-date and complete list of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement. In addition, Permanent Missions in Geneva have access through an Internet web interface to the archives of all the messages that were sent to the mailing list. The mailing list is moderated which means that all messages received have to be approved by the UNECE secretariat before they get posted to the other Contracting Parties.

In addition to this electronic system of Notifications, the WP.29 secretariat places all the Notifications received and approved in the WP.29 website.

Copy of the explanatory email sent by the former Director of the UNECE Transport Division to the Permanent Missions at the Contracting Parties to the Agreement in Geneva when this system has been initiated (September 2005), is hereto attached. As a matter of fact it shows clearly the Notification procedure under the 1998 Agreement. Please note that our Director is Ms. Eva Molnar. Also the email sent to the chiefs of the delegations of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement participating to the Executive Committee (AC.3) of the 1998 Agreement is hereto attached.

Accordingly I would like to inform you that all the notifications should be sent electronically to this email address: **1998Agreement-Missions@lists.unece.org** by the Permanent Missions in Geneva of the Contracting Parties to the 1998 Agreement. Additionally, if you could, also a paper copy of the notifications would be appreciated, to be sent at Mr. Juan Ramos Garcia or at my attention at the address reported here at the bottom.

In order to provide you a helpful example, please find attached hereunder the email message and the Notification that the Permanent Mission of Canada has sent us with regard to the Notification of the second status report on global technical regulation No. 1.

Moreover I would inform you that the secretariat needs the indication of the competent Administrative Departments of your Country in the framework of the 1998 Agreement.

I would also need to know who is the person appointed by your Permanent Mission to follow the matter related to the 1998 Agreement and the confirmation that the mail address for the purposes related to the 1998 Agreement (i.e.: notifications delivery) is un.geneva@dfat.gov.au

For your recollection, I attach also here under the Notification regarding the Accession of Australia to the 1998 Agreement:

If you need more details about the matter mentioned above, please contact Mr. Francois Guichard (francois.guichard@unece.org) or Mr. Juan Ramos Garcia (juan.ramos.garcia@unece.org). Of course, I would be honoured of your visit by our offices, here in Palais de Nations, in order to introduce each other and clarify personally all the matters in object.

Best regards,

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Note: the text below is the reproduction of an example of e-mail sent by the AC.3 representatives informing about the establishment of new UN GTR/Amendments/Candidates in the compendium of the 1998 Agreement.

[E-mail sent to AC.3 Heads of Delegations]

Subject: Notifications regarding the 1998 Agreement

Dear AC.3 representatives,

I would like to refer to the recent accession of your country to the 1998 Agreement. In this respect, I would like to inform you about the Notification system that the UNECE Transport Division has developed regarding the Notifications to be made in the framework of the 1998 Agreement.

I would like to inform you that the secretariat accomplished the following tasks entrusted to it by the 1998 Agreement:

- Establishment of the Global Registry and the Compendium of Candidates,
- Edition of UN Global Technical Regulations Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13,
- Notification of the establishment of the above mentioned UN GTRs to the Contracting Parties to the Agreement,
- Listing in the Compendium of Candidates.

With regard to the Notifications, a mailing list has been established in order to facilitate communications from the secretariat and from the Contracting Parties, required by the 1998 Agreement. All communications from the UNECE secretariat go through this mailing list to the Permanent Missions in Geneva of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement. The same mailing list allows them also to send communications by a message to an address that is then automatically forwarded to an up-to-date and complete list of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement. In addition, Permanent Missions in Geneva have access through an Internet web interface to the archives of all the messages that were sent to the mailing list. The mailing list is moderated which means that all messages received have to be approved by the UNECE secretariat before they get posted to the other Contracting Parties.

Copy of the explanatory email sent by the Director of the UNECE Transport Division to the Permanent Missions at the Contracting Parties to the Agreement in Geneva is hereto attached.

PLEASE CONTACT THE PERMANENT MISSION IN GENEVA OF YOUR COUNTRY AND GIVE THEM INSTRUCTION ON HOW TO PROCESS THE COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED, IN ORDER THAT THEY ARRIVE TO THE COMPETENT ADMINISTRATION OF YOUR COUNTRY.

If you need more details about this mailing list, please contact

Either juan.ramos.garcia@unece.org
or francois.guichard@unece.org

Note: the text below is the reproduction of a notification sent by the secretariat to the mission of Contracting Parties to the 1998 Agreement, to inform them: (i) on the establishment of a new UN GTR/Amendments and (ii) and reminding Article 7, concerning the obligation of Contracting Parties on "Adoption and notification of application of established global technical regulation" in accordance to of the Agreement.

Ref: ECE/TRAN/2005/124/13 (Notification)

Geneva, 11 July 2013

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

GENEVA, 25 JUNE 1998

GLOBAL REGISTRY

ESTABLISHMENT OF GLOBAL TECHNICAL REGULATION No. 13

The Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, as Secretary of the Agreement, communicates the following:

On 27 June 2013 at its thirty-eighth session, the Executive Committee of the Agreement, in accordance with para. 7.2. of article 7 of Annex B to the Agreement, established by consensus vote (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1104, para. 98) the following draft global technical regulation:

Global technical regulation on hydrogen and fuel cell vehicles
(ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2013/41).

The above global technical regulation was established in the Global Registry as global technical regulation No. 13, entitled "Global technical regulation on hydrogen and fuel cell vehicles", under the symbol ECE/TRANS/180/Add.13.

The following documents are, under the symbol ECE/TRANS/180/Add.13/Appendix 1, appended to global technical regulation No. 13:

Proposal to develop a global technical regulation on hydrogen and fuel cell vehicles
(TRANS/WP.29/AC.3/17).

Technical report submitted by the Working Party on Passive Safety on the global technical regulation on hydrogen and fuel cell vehicles (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2013/42).

The documents mentioned above may be accessed through the website of the Transport Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, at the following address:

http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29glob_registry.html

Reference is made in this respect to article 6 paras. 6.2., 6.2.5., 6.2.5.2., 6.2.6. and 6.2.7. of the Agreement, which read as follows:

"6.2. Establishing global technical regulations in the Global Registry through harmonization of existing regulations

A Contracting Party may submit a proposal to develop a harmonized global technical regulation concerning elements of performance or design characteristics addressed either by technical regulations listed in the Compendium of Candidates, or by any UNECE Regulations, or both.

6.2.5. The Executive Committee shall, using transparent procedures:

6.2.5.2. consider the establishment of a recommended global technical regulation in accordance with the procedures set forth in paragraph 7.2. of Article 7 of Annex B. A consensus vote by the Executive Committee in favour of the regulation shall establish the regulation in the Global Registry.

6.2.6. The global technical regulation shall be considered to be established in the Global Registry on the date of the consensus vote by the Executive Committee in favour of the regulation.

6.2.7. The Secretariat shall, upon the establishment of a global technical regulation by the Executive Committee, append copies of all relevant documentation, including the proposal submitted pursuant to paragraph 6.2.1. of this Article and the recommendations and report required by paragraph 6.2.4.2.1. of this Article, to that regulation."

Eva Molnar
Director
Transport Division

**Attention: Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs of countries concerned.
Notifications are made available to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva at the following e-mail address:
1998Agreement-Missions@lists.unece.org**

Such notifications are also available through the website of the Transport Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, at the following address:

http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29glob_notification_gtr.html
