

Proposal for Amendment to ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/2013/31

I. Proposal

Throughout the document, in the proposed amendments to UN Regulations, modifications to type approvals, referred to as "Extensions", case (c), amend to read (added text in bold characters):

- (c) Approval to a later series of amendments is requested after its entry into force, **which can be granted provided that the requirements of a later series of amendments are fulfilled.**

II. Justification

At the 74th GRRF session, whilst the document GRRF-74-10 proposing to implement the type approval administrative procedures called "revision" and "extension" (further converted to ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/2013/31) was being considered, a number of experts had raised a concern that when new requirements are introduced by a later series of amendments to a UN Regulation, the type approval can be granted only if a vehicle type complies with those new requirements. This condition should be also applicable to the case when the approval had been already granted to a vehicle type pursuant to the previous series of amendments to that UN Regulation.

When the type approval is granted pursuant to a UN Regulation, the corresponding type approval number is assigned to a vehicle type. Further for the purpose of traceability it is reasonable to keep this type approval number allocated to that particular vehicle type.

In the administrative procedure called extension", subparagraph (c) covers the case when approval to a later series of amendments to a UN Regulation is requested after its entry into force. One should realize that for the case of subparagraph (c) the extension of the type approval cannot be granted automatically. Therefore it was proposed to add a statement specifying the need of compliance assessment to the requirements introduced by the new series of amendments to the UN Regulation in question.

This issue also had been discussed by the WP.29 ad-hoc subgroup for revision of the 1958 Agreement (SG58), as the type approval administrative procedures called "revision" and "extension" are considered to be included into one of newly developed addenda to the revised 1958 Agreement.

The text proposed above was developed by SG58 and was included into the current consolidated draft proposal for the revised 1958 Agreement (document I WVTA-SG58-07-03-Rev.1, Schedule 5, para. 2.6.(c), page 42).

Taking into account that the type approval procedures called "revision" and "extension" will be described in general in the revised 1958 Agreement, it seems not necessary to add similar provisions into the particular UN Regulations. However, taking into account that the revised 1958 Agreement probably would be implemented in 2016 or even after, there is a reason to proceed with the adoption of ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/2013/31 with the addition as proposed above.

This proposal also applies to the similar text of GRRF-75-14, GRRF-75-15 and GRRF-75-16.
