ERROR DOCUMENTATION

THE CONVENTION (1968),

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Kinds of errors:

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**TEXTUAL**
- Incorrect grammar and word usage
- Inconsistency in spelling and labeling
- Vagueness and ambiguity
- Omissions
- Contradictions
- Inadequate indexing
- Pagination

**GRAPHIC**
- Inconsistency
- Omissions
- Faulty design
- Misnumbering
Example of textual error: word usage

Page 35, Sign A, 27, Tram Crossing – “To give warning of an intersection with a tramway line, unless such intersection is a level-crossing as defined in Article 1 of the Convention, symbol A, 27 may be used.”

Article 1, (g) – “‘Level-crossing’ means any level intersection between a road and a railway or tramway track with its own track formation;”
Example of textual error: word usage

Page 52, Signs G, 12a/b, Lane Closure – The word “closure” refers to a temporary condition. More fitting would be “lane end” or “lane loss” for a permanent condition.
Examples of textual error: inconsistency in spelling

- Level crossing  Level-crossing
- Road user  Road-user
- Riverbank  River bank
- Trolleybus  Trolley-bus
- Signposted  Sign-posted  **Signposted**

Inconsistent spelling affects computer searching.
Examples of textual error: inconsistent labeling

The English version of the VC is in British English with occasional use of American English. Using only one language system is important so that no one assumes different terms have different meanings.

✧ Motorway     Highway
✧ Goods vehicle    Lorry

This affects translating and computer searching.
Examples of textual error: inconsistent labeling

✧ Bar    Band    Line    Stripe
✧ Border   Rim    Strip
✧ Panel    Plate
✧ Ground   Border
✧ Oblique  Diagonal

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*Examples of textual error: vagueness*

**Page 55, NOTE** – “In countries where traffic keeps to the left, signs and/or symbols shall be reversed as appropriate.”

*The result:*

- **NO LEFT TURN**
- **NO RIGHT TURN**
- **NO RIGHT TURN**
- **NO LEFT TURN**
Example of textual error: ambiguity

Page 19, Article 26 bis, ¶ 2 – For bus lane signs E, 2a/b, the symbol may be round or “square.” What does the square symbol mean? The same as the roundel? Buses only? Mandatory for buses, but all other vehicles may use the lane? Advised for buses with other traffic permitted?
Example of textual error: omission

Page 32, Signs A, 4a/b, Carriageway Narrows – “Warning that the carriageway ahead is narrower [and (no) lane loss occurs]...” Does the road narrow because of lane loss? Does the road narrow with no lane loss? Do the symbols mean both lane loss and no lane loss?
Example of textual error: contradiction

As an alternative to blue signs, the VC permits mandatory white roundels with red rims and black symbols. On C, 3 signs, red bars are optional per the VC and eliminated per the EA. This allows the same signs to be mandatory in Latin America and prohibitory in Europe.
**Example of textual error: indexing**

The VC index lacks detail and has numerous omissions and incorrect categorization.

- **Built-up area**
  - Beginning / End-of
  - Definition
  - Number of silhouettes on a prohibition sign
  - Traffic lane markings
**Example of textual error: pagination**

The Spanish translation of the VC contains many page 33s, 93s, and 145s, 67 follows the 93s, 113 follows the 145s, and the document ends on page 50, which follows page 130.
Examples of graphic error: inconsistency

No consistent pattern exists for the color of rims, borders, end symbols, and inscriptions. Rules for inscription colors vary from precise to imprecise. *Example 1:* white, light color, white or light color, and white or yellow. *Example 2:* black, black or dark blue, and dark.
Example of graphic error: omission

The design of most signs is described in words and illustrated with an image. However, some designs are described only in words; others have an image with no words. Hazard marker colors, for instance, are not illustrated, which has resulted in a variety of colors and patterns not included in the VC or EA.
Example of graphic error: omission

The Ab model’s yellow ground color is missing.
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Examples of graphic error: faulty design

The symbols for A, 11a/b are supposed to fit into the sign corner.
Example of graphic error: faulty design

The symbols for C, 3e and C, 10 should be white, not gray, since gray is used for end of prohibition.
Example of graphic error: misnumbering
Two numbers were assigned to the same sign.
Example of graphic error: misnumbering

The warning sign for fog is labeled E, 36 instead of A, 36.
Example of graphic error: misnumbering

Numbers in use were assigned to new signs.

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