

Proposal for introducing the system of "A-points"

During the 121st session of AC.2, possible options for streamlining the proceedings within WP.29 have been discussed. Aim of such a streamlining is to provide for more time on substantial discussions (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1123, para. 16). Therefore AC.2 has asked the secretariat to develop a note on the system of "A-Points" providing further information on this.

The system of "A-Points" or also sometimes called "I-items", is a well-established system used by different intergovernmental organizations such as the Council of the European Union. The system identifies elements that are intended to be voted on and that do not need further discussion by the decision taking body and mark them as "A-Points". Consequently, these "A-point" are put to vote without further presentation and discussion.

A crucial element is the classification of the individual proposals as "A-Points ". The most suitable way forward for such a classification seems to be a proposal for classification by the chair of the relevant GR in close cooperation with the secretariat. This proposal could at the next step be confirmed by AC.2 in preparation for the upcoming WP.29 session. However and as a kind of safety-net, any Contracting Party applying a Regulation which is subject for an amendment might ask for a discussion on the amendment during the relevant agenda item of WP.29.

Guidance on the classification as an "A-Points " could provide the following not exhaustive list of elements:

- a) The proposal does not establish a new Regulation;
- b) The amendment does not create the starting point of a new series of amendments;
- c) There was no controversial discussion on the amendment at GR level;
- d) The amendment does not contain substantial elements;
- e) The amendment is a series of parallel amendments within a Regulation (e.g. different series of amendments);
- f) The amendment is a series of parallel amendments to a number of Regulations (e.g. introducing the term REESS)

Proposals for elements to be considered as "A-items" during the WP.29 session will be clearly identified in the agenda for the meeting.

At the WP.29 session these "A-Points" would be recommended en-block to be submitted to AC.1 for voting.

The process of voting at AC.1 will not be affected by the introduction of the system of "A-Points".