

Proposal to establish an Informal Working Group on Mechanical Couplings for Agricultural Vehicles

I. Draft Terms of Reference

1. The informal group shall prepare a proposal for a new UN Regulation ~~No. 55-A~~ "Uniform Provisions Concerning the Approval of Mechanical Coupling Components of Combinations of Agricultural Vehicles".
2. The informal group shall follow the structure and concept of the present UN Regulation No. 55 also with regard the limited number of coupling classes and will consider the peculiarities of agricultural vehicles when determining the requirements and test methods.
3. As a basis for the discussions the informal group shall use the present UN Regulation No. 55 and the results achieved by the Task Force Group Agricultural Couplings (TFAC) in the frame of the work of IWG R 55 (GRRF 81-10).
4. The informal group will consider the scope to be applied to vehicles of category T, R and S as defined in the Consolidated Resolution (R.E.3).
5. The target completion date for the work of the informal group shall be the 84th session of GRRF in September 2017.
6. A final decision on regulatory proposals rests with WP29 and the Contracting Parties.

II. Rules of Procedure

1. The informal group is a sub group of GRRF, and is open to Contracting Parties, Vehicle Manufacturers, Component Manufacturers and Suppliers, Technical Services, Mechanical Strength Experts, etc.
2. A Chairman and a Secretary will manage the informal group.
3. The official working language of the informal group will be English.
4. All documents and/or proposals must be submitted to the Secretary of the group in a suitable electronic format in advance of the meeting. The group may refuse to discuss any item or proposal which has not been circulated 10 working days in advance.
5. An agenda and related documents will be made available on the website by the Secretary of the group, in advance of all scheduled meetings.
6. Decisions will be reached by consensus. When consensus cannot be reached, the Chairman of the group shall present the different points of view to GRRF. The Chairman may seek guidance from GRRF as appropriate.
7. The progress of the informal group will be routinely reported to GRRF – wherever possible as an informal document and presented by the Chairman, the Secretary or their representative(s).
8. All working documents shall be distributed in digital format. Meeting documents should be made available to the Secretary for publication on the dedicated website.