International Driving Permits

Options under consideration Paper ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1/Rev.1
The task for the informal group of driving permits experts

• Consider three options
• Consider the legal impact and costs
• Three guiding principles identified
  • Harmonisation
  • Fraud prevention/security
  • Acceptability and feasibility to contracting parties
• The underlying assumptions
  • The need for security features in IDPs and any change in format would need to be communicated
  • Enforcement benefits but difficult to quantify
  • Central database or interoperability of databases needed to support delivery of IDPs and enforcement
  • Data protection – legal issues form sharing personal data
  • Road safety benefits - illegal driving reduced but difficult to quantify
Option A:
A Domestic Driving Permit Valid for International Travel (Annex 6 Compliant)

✓ Single Document
✓ Maximum extent of harmonisation
✓ Easy to understand system by all (citizens, enforcement, vehicle hire)
✓ No translations required; format will be identical in each country
✓ Compliant/near-compliant permits already issued in a number of countries

× Non-compliant domestic driving permits not accommodated internationally
× Difficulties for countries who use DDP for other permits (e.g. Identity Card)
× One-off costs for countries who do not issue similar, Annex 6 compliant licences
× Possible difficulties to accommodate countries who do not use the Latin Alphabet
Option B:
Domestic Driving Permit Valid for International Travel (as in Option A); and an Annex 7 IDP with a compliant or non-compliant Annex 6 DDP Valid for International Travel

| ✓ | Little change required to current situation |
| ✓ | Non-compliant domestic driving permits still permitted domestically |
| ✓ | Easy to understand system by all (citizens, enforcement, vehicle hire) |
| ✓ | Current IDP already has six translations for enforcement assistance |
| ✓ | No change to 1968 Convention Required |

| ✗ | More expensive than a single permit system |
| ✗ | Non-compliant domestic driving permits not accommodated internationally |
| ✗ | Increased number of options requires greater understanding by enforcement authorities, car rental firms etc |
| ✗ | Lack of security features in IDP needs to be addressed; sustainability of system |
Option C:
A standalone IDP valid for International Travel (only); or
An Annex 6 Compliant DDP Valid for Domestic & International Travel
DDPs (Annex 6 non-compliant) Valid for Domestic Use Only

 ✓ Use of one Document only
 ✓ Non-compliant domestic driving permits still permitted domestically
 ✓ No translations required

✗ Need for creation and maintenance of separate IT platform to support IDP as well as DDPs
✗ Need to create new security procedures for IDP
✗ Increased number of options requires greater understanding by enforcement authorities, car rental firms etc
✗ Does not promote harmonisation of permits
✗ Need for link between standalone IDP & DDP databases
Potential costs to contracting parties

• For all options
  • the cost of switching to a different style
  • the cost of any new security features if different
  • the cost of linking to a central data base
  • the cost of detection equipment for enforcement authorities
  • the cost of training/raising awareness

• Additionally,
  • For Option A
    • Does not accommodate contracting parties who do not use Latin script on DDP
  • For Options B and C
    • Contracting parties would need to issue Annex 7 compliant IDPs in order to use a non-compliant Annex 6 DDP at international level
    • Costs of issuing more than one permit and cost to drivers of needing more than one permit
    • Data platform costs to handle variety of permits issued