

DRAFT REPORT OF THE 33rd SESSION OF THE IWG ON DETA

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1. Adoption of the provisional agenda.

Document DETA-33-01e rev1. The agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of the draft minutes of the IWG on DETA 32nd and drafting group session.

Documents DETA-33-02e and DETA-33-03e. The draft minutes were approved.

3. State of play.

The Chairman explained a pilot was carried out by approval authorities and industry. The findings of the pilot are detailed in document DETA-33-05e. Some of the findings had been identified as items that first need to be solved in order to allow the full operational use of DETA. The software house estimated the lead-time (2 months) and costs. KBA is investigating the possibility for financing these items. A drafting group session was held in September to evaluate the pilot. It was found that the administration of manufacturers in DETA is very complex and burdensome. For that reason it was decided by the drafting group to use free text for the attribute "manufacturer" and that manufacturers are identified in DETA only by their names and the city and country of establishment. It was also decided that manufacturers do not get access rights to DETA by default but have to apply to the DETA Administrator. This significantly limits the number of users to the interested parties only.

The representative from the UNECE Secretariat explained that ITC reconfirmed early 2018 that DETA shall be financed by the Regular Budget. At the WP.29 June session the WP.29 Secretary presented the new UN budget process (document WP.29-175-26). He then explained that the hosting and maintenance costs of DETA had been added to the draft ECE budget proposal for 2020. This will pass the December EXCOM session and then follow the further internal procedure within ECE and at UN Headquarters leading to the December 2019 General Assembly session.

The chairman reminded the group that ETRTO and CLEPA stated at the WP.29 June session only being willing to financially contribute on the condition that DETA would be migrated to the UN servers. He then asked the representative from ETRTO if the explanation from the UNECE Secretariat give sufficient confidence for ETRTO to commit to the financing already now. The representative from ETRTO replied to discuss this within ETRTO during their internal meeting in December.

The representative from CITA repeated his earlier statement that CITA is willing to financially contribute to DETA (DOC module) without any precondition, including for its development phases. For CITA DETA may offer a platform for exchanging information about permissible vehicle software (including version numbers and integrity validation data) for various use cases and stakeholders including PTI and also for providing type approval information for the benefit of the PTI process. The representative from CITA was aware that contributing to DETA does not guarantee that DETA will finally be developed with these specific functionalities. The group welcomed the offer from CITA. It was then agreed to change the order of development and first start with the development of the DOC. A drafting group will be set up to develop

the specifications to enable software modifications and to specify further details for CITA to be able to act as contractor vis-à-vis the software house with regard to this DETA phase. The results will be reported to the IWG on DETA and WP.29.

The DETA Secretary will send out an invitation for a drafting group meeting in Brussels in January 2019.

The DETA Administrator demonstrated the current system.

The group then discussed some open issues that had been forwarded by the drafting group. The result of this is detailed in document DETA-33-05e rev1.

4. Start-up DETA, first phase.

As some important modifications to the system still need to be finalized, the group decided to get started with using DETA from 1 January 2019. In its first step by uploading a limited number of type approvals. It is left to the approval authorities to decide on the UN Regulations, manufacturers or vehicle types for which they intend to upload documents.

All approval authorities are called upon to start using DETA from 1 January. It is necessary to submit a list with the names and the city and country of establishment of the largest manufacturers, in respect of the amount of approvals, to the DETA Administrator (DETA@KBA.de).

5. Access rights.

The Secretary presented document DETA-33-10e as submitted by a representative of OICA (not present at the meeting). Based on the relevant provisions of the revised 1958 Agreement, this document questions inter alia the WP.29 April decision that access to DETA must be granted to CP's applying a UN Regulation and to CP's applying R0.

The representative from the UNECE Secretariat had the interpretation that where Schedule 5 reads that all CP's applying a UN Regulation shall have access to DETA this means at least those CP's and is not limited to them. The representative from the European Union confirms this interpretation. According to the IWG it is up to WP.29 to decide on the access rights.

The representative from the UNECE Secretariat also stressed that PTI is an authoritative task and authorities may entrust third parties (PTI organizations) or even workshops with the performance of PTI.

6. Document Parts.

A document part means the pdf file to be uploaded to DETA and consisting of the certificate, information document and test report. All possible combinations of document parts and the assumed pros and cons are listed in document DETA-33-07e. It was decided to proceed with having three separate document parts (option 1). This offers most flexibility and allows allocating different access rights to different document parts. Also this prevents duplication of information in the various document parts.

The document parts will be named "CERT" (for certificate), "IF" (for information folder), "TR" (for test report) and "OTHER" (for additional information). This only concerns the names as shown on the screen. The original pdf files can be named at the discretion of the approval authorities.

The DETA system will automatically confer access rights based on the names. It carefully needs to be decided who will finally get access to information folders and test reports. The UK representative wonders if manufacturers limit the information in information folders to a minimum in case third parties may be able to access these.

7. Guidelines on the application of the Unique Identifier.

The Secretary presented document DETA-33-08e. This concerns the consolidated text on guidelines for the application of the Unique Identifier (UI).

The representative from ETRTO expressed serious concerns on the UI principles. Especially the concept of 'product' may not fit the tyre regulations.

A meeting will be organised between representatives from ETRTO, representatives involved in the activities of the simplification of the lighting regulations and representatives from the IWG on DETA. Any party interested in joining this exercise can contact the Secretary of the IWG on DETA.

The representative from ETRTO also indicated that some countries (incl. non-ECE) laid down national requirements on "E" marking of products and may refuse UI markings as alternative. The IWG on DETA Secretary explained that the replacement of the traditional UNECE markings by UI markings is laid down by law due to the inclusion of the relevant provisions in the revised 1958 Agreement. He added that it would nevertheless be good when there is a notification available on the UNECE website on this matter in due time.

8. Q&A on DETA.

No comments had been received on the draft Q&A document DETA-31-05e. All participants were urged to study the document and formulate additional questions.

9. AOB.

a) Next evolution

The representative from CITA proposed by document DETA-33-11e to store in DETA up-to-date VIN-related information about permissible vehicle software including version numbers, and to allow access to it to parties involved in the PTI process. CITA will also present this to WP.29.

b) Interface between DETA and national systems

The group acknowledged that there is a great benefit in having an interface between DETA and national systems to allow mass uploads of documents and attributes. This may dramatically reduce time.

The approval authorities are called upon to investigate what is necessary hereto. The software house will investigate the existing interface incl. rights.

c) Approach on mandating DETA for approval authorities

Discussion postponed.

d) Manual, online help functionality, protocols

KBA will update the current (technical) manual and develop a separate manual describing the protocols on how to use DETA.

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Entering a date in the attribute “release date” will allow that documents come available from that date, for example corresponding to a press release date. The software house explained this feature will be available from 1 January 2019, or soon after.

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The UK representative indicated that GRVA and the CS/OTA taskforce intent to use DETA for information exchange on software versions. It is therefore necessary that the IWG on DETA and taskforce on CS/OTA get in touch to align the expectations.

10. Report to WP.29.

The report from the 33rd session of the IWG on DETA will be forwarded to WP.29. The Contracting Parties in WP.29 are called upon to participate and gradually start using DETA from 1 January 2019.

11. Next meetings.

- Drafting session for DOC: January 2019 (t.b.d.), RDW office, Brussels.
 - IWG on DETA 34th session: 7 March 2019, European Commission, Brussels.
 - IWG on DETA 35th session: 20 June 2019, OICA, Paris.
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