Proposal for guidelines on the scope, administrative provisions and alternative requirements in Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement

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VII. General guidelines on provisions for modification of the type and extension of approval in UN Regulations

Revision and extension of type-approvals in the framework of the 1958 Agreement

37. When drafting a UN Regulation or amendments thereof, experts of subsidiary bodies of WP.29 shall include procedures to be followed in the case of modification of the type. Where the information to be supplied by the applicant with the application for type approval is specified as information documents in the UN Regulation, the following provisions may be used:

xx37. Every modification of the vehicle type shall be notified to the Type-approval Authority which approved the vehicle type. The Type-approval Authority shall then either:

(a) Decide, in consultation with the manufacturer, that a new type-approval is to be granted,

or

(b) Apply the procedure contained in paragraph A (Revision) below and, if applicable, the procedure contained in paragraph B (Extension) below.

A. Revision

38. When particulars recorded in the information documents folder have changed and the Type-approval Authority considers that the modifications made are unlikely to have an appreciable adverse effect on the environmental and/or functional safety performance, and that in any case the vehicle still complies with the requirements, the modification shall be designated a "revision". In such a case, the Type-approval Authority shall issue the revised pages of the information documents folder as necessary, marking each revised page to show clearly the nature of the modification and the date of re-issue. A consolidated, updated version of the information documents folder, accompanied by a detailed description of the modification, shall be deemed to meet this requirement.

B. Extension

39. The modification shall be designated an "extension" if, in addition to the change of the
particulars recorded in the information documents folder:

(a) Further inspections or tests are required, or

(b) Any information on the communication document (with the exception of its attachments) has changed, or

(c) Approval to a later series of amendments is requested after its entry into force.

_confirmation or refusal of approval, specifying the alterations, shall be communicated to the Contracting Parties to the Agreement which apply this UNECE Regulation by means of the communication document. In addition, the index to the information documents and to the test reports package, attached to the communication document, shall be amended accordingly to show the date of the most recent revision or extension.

The Type-approval Authority issuing the extension of approval shall assign a series number to each communication form drawn up for such an extension.