Report to 179th WP.29 session from the 36th IWG on DETA meeting
State of play

**DETA**

(Database for the Exchange of Approval documentation)

→ is the secure internet database to circulate approvals and its attachments,

→ as required to be established by the UNECE, according to the 1958 Agreement Revision 3.
State of play

- DETA is still under development but since May 2019 ready to be used for it base purpose: exchanging UNECE approval documentation between the Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement.
- 22 Contracting Parties have notified their DETA Focal Point
- App. 400 approvals uploaded
- 3 Manufacturer have access to DETA (their own approvals) (manufacturer’s access is to be requested via their approval authority and to be forwarded to the DETA Administrator)
State of play - Developments

• implementation of DoC (specs finalized \(\rightarrow\) sponsor CITA)
  ('DoC' is the Declaration of Conformance certifying to which UN Regulations and versions a single vehicle is approved at the time of its production.)

• implementation of UI (specs finalized \(\rightarrow\) sponsor OICA, ACEA, CLEPA, ETRTO)
  ('UI' is the Unique Identifier number assigned to an approval uploaded to DETA. A UI may replace the traditional E marking)

  → Preparation of Contracts ongoing
Expected timeline for implementation of UI and DoC

⇒ start after finalizing the contract and having the purchase order, 2019 Q4.
⇒ finishing implementation 2020 Q2
⇒ finishing testing 2020 Q3
⇒ production 2020 Q4
The IWG on DETA will work on creating awareness about DETA and promote the use of the system.

• The UNECE Secretariat is invited to request all CP’s to inform their competent authorities about DETA.

• The IWG identified volunteers to inform each GR about DETA and will request the GR members to distribute this information further.

Special attention for the UNECE DETA webpage: http://www.unece.org/.../deta-information.html
The IWG on DETA is working on a functionality for automated upload of type approvals.

This functionality significantly reduces work load, prevents failures and is essential for the system acceptability by the uploading approval authorities.

A technical working group with IT and approval experts from approval authorities will be established to further investigate the solution.
Discussions on the formulation of the contracts for UI and DoC still continuing.

Main open issue is the legal distinction between the obligations for ‘contractor’ and ‘sponsor’.

Also some financial issues need further clarification.

The leadership of DETA, the UNECE Secretariat, OICA, CITA and the software house will further explore the possible solutions.
WP.29-178th session invited the GR’s to investigate whether current additional marking provisions are still to be considered part of the approval marking and may be replaced by the Unique Identifier marking, or these additional markings have an information character and can be provided by alternative means.
Based on document GRE-82-31e, the IWG on DETA considered two possible solutions:

1. Replace the approval marking by the UI marking.
   - additional installation information is available on the product, other information can be found in DETA.
   - no impact on the DETA system.
2. Include all marking information in the communication form (type approval certificate), and Grant open access to the type approvals (communication forms) in DETA.
- All markings can be replaced by the UI marking.
- GR’s need to identify what information to be added to the Communication Forms.
WP.29 is requested to advise on the preferred way forward.
Exchanging information between CP’s on e.g. non-compliances, withdrawals, refusals is a legal requirement from the 1958 Agreement.

The IWG on DETA agreed to:
- now start using the ‘news area’ in DETA for exchanging information on withdraws of approvals and hazardous products.
- further explore ways to improve the exchange of other relevant information.
For improving information on withdrawn certificates, the UNECE Secretariat is invited to update all Communication Forms to include (where not already included):
- “production definitely discontinued”,
- “remarks”.
This is to inform the CP’s on the reason for the withdrawn certificates and further considering actions at national level (e.g. recalls, prohibit hazardous products on the market). The reason can also be included at “reason for extension”.