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Working Party on Road Traffic Safety

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**REVISION OF THE CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTION R.E.1**

**Driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs and medication**

Draft questionnaire

Note by the secretariat

Members of WP.1 will find below a draft questionnaire developed by the small group set up to study driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs and medication.

The WP.1 is invited to discuss and adopt the questionnaire. It is planned to distribute the final questionnaire following the forty-eighth session of the Working Party.

The answers to the questionnaire will be used, if necessary, to complement the draft recommendation on this subject to be introduced into R.E.1 (the draft recommendation appears in document ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2006/3).

## DRINKING AND DRIVING QUESTIONNAIRE

**In order to facilitate the exploitation of the replies to this questionnaire,  
please complete any written information in English or French.**

**COUNTRY:**.....

### **A. Legislation**

**1. Is your alcohol-impaired driving legislation:**

- National/Federal
- State/Provincial
- Both (National & Provincial)

**2. Does your country have legislation that prohibits driving with a specific blood alcohol limit (BAC)?**

- Yes     No

**(a) If yes, please specify the alcohol limit for:**

All Drivers: \_\_\_\_\_

New/Novice or Probationary Drivers: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Drivers: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide any additional information:

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**(b) When driving at or above the legal alcohol limit, is the offense considered an administrative or criminal offense? Please indicate at what BAC level the offence is administrative and at what level it is criminal.**

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Please add any relevant details:

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**2.1 Is the penalty for alcohol impaired driving more severe if the crash resulted in injuries or death?**

Yes       No

If Yes, specify the penalties

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**2.2 If you have special alcohol requirements for new/young drivers, please specify the nature and duration:**

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**3. Is it permitted to purchase alcohol in the following places?:**

Yes       No

If yes, please tick:

- in rest/service areas on motorways or express roads (either for consumption on site or for taking away)
- At fuelling stations
- Other, please specify:.....  
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**4. At what age is a person legally permitted to purchase alcohol?**

- All alcohol drinks: .....(age.....years)  
*or only certain alcoholic drinks:*
  - Wine (age: .....years)
  - Light beer (age: .....years)
  - Beer (age: .....years)
  - Spirits (age: .....years)
- Not specified by legislation

5. **Is it prohibited to have an open bottle of an alcoholic drink in the vehicle while driving?**

- Yes       No       Not specified by legislation

**B. Enforcement**

6. **What methods do police use to detect impaired drivers? Check all that apply**

- Random Breath Tests
- Alcohol /Sobriety Checkpoints
- High-risk area patrols
- Regular patrols
- Other (Please, specify.....)

7. **What signs must be demonstrated by drivers in order for police to ask for a breath test? Check all that apply**

- None – Police can just ask
- Detection by passive sensor (instrument to detect alcohol in the air)
- Driver says he/she has been drinking when asked by police
- Failure of standardized field sobriety tests
- Clues (smell, bottles, slurred speech)
- Detection by passive sensor (instruments to detect alcohol in the air)
- Driving clues (weaving, no lights, etc.)
- Collision (specify severity .....
- Other ( Please specify.....)

8. **Can an evidential breath test be administered by police at the roadside?**

- Yes       No

If yes, please specify:.....  
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9. **Are there any consequences for a driver who refuses to take the breath test?**

- Yes       No

If yes, please specify:.....  
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10. **Are there specialized impaired driving training programmes for law enforcement officers in your country?**

Yes       No

If yes, please specify:.....  
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**C. Sanctions and Penalties**

**11. What penalties are imposed for driving under the influence of alcohol?**

*Please indicate in the boxes the relevant items from the list indicated below (for example (a), (b), (d)) for an alcohol level above 0.8): (NOTE: For some penalties such as fines and jail, please provide the relevant information in the list below)*

Alcohol level	All drivers	New/Novice or probationary drivers	Professional drivers	Repeat Offenders
0.0				
> 0.0 < 0.2				
> 0.2 < 0.5				
> 0.5 < 0.8				
> 0.8 < 1.0				
> 1.0				
Other:				

- (a) Fines (minimum :.....maximum :.....)
- (b) Immediate withdrawal of permit (short term; e.g., 1-3 days)
- (c) Temporary immobilization or confiscation of the vehicle

- (d) Administrative suspension of permit (up to 90 days)
- (e) Court ordered suspension of permit on conviction
- (f) Jail (up to.....days)
- (g) Mandatory medical assessment
- (h) Mandatory alcohol abuse assessment and treatment
- (i) Use of Alcohol INTERLOCK (please specify in what cases)

Please add any other relevant details:

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**D. Education**

**12. Have you had educational campaigns (government-run) to raise awareness about drinking and driving within the past five years?**

- Yes       No

If yes, please tick the relevant boxes:

	National	Regional
<b>TV</b>		
<b>RADIO</b>		
<b>PRINT</b> (e.g. newspapers, magazines)		
<b>BROCHURES, LEAFLETS</b>		
<b>VIDEOS/CDs</b>		
<b>WEBSITES</b>		
<b>CINEMA ADVERTISING</b>		
<b>SCHOOL PROGRAMMES</b>		
<b>POSTERS</b>		
<b>OTHER.</b> Please specify: ..... .....		

13. Do you have non-governmental organizations involved in education about drinking and driving?

Yes                       No

If yes, please specify by what kind of organizations:

- Road transport associations
- Private associations against alcoholism
- Associations of parents
- Road safety associations
- Child protection associations
- Road victims associations
- Other. Please specify:.....  
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<p>Name of person responding to this survey:.....</p> <p>Title: .....</p> <p>Service and/or administration:..... .....</p> <p>May we contact you if we have questions about any of your answers?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes                      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>E-mail:.....</p> <p>Telephone Number:.....</p> <p>Fax Number:.....</p>
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**Thank you for completing the questionnaire.**

*Please send your reply to:*

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