

GRSP Informal Group on Frontal Impact (UNECE R94 Regulation amendment)

GRSP and WP29 decisions

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/42
31 December 2007

REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON PASSIVE SAFETY
ON ITS FORTY-SECOND SESSION
(Geneva, 11 – 14 December 2007)

47. GRSP noted ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2007/17 and GRSP-42-31 tabled by the expert from France aiming at replacing the deformable element face of the barrier. The expert from France clarified that this revision work should be made within the framework of an informal group. GRSP welcomed the initiative from France and agreed to seek mandate from WP.29 at its next March 2008 session to establish an informal working group on this subject. GRSP agreed to defer the full consideration of ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2007/17 to the informal group.

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REPORTS OF THE
WORLD FORUM FOR HARMONIZATION OF VEHICLE REGULATIONS
ON ITS 144TH SESSION
(11-14 March 2008)

20. She reported that GRSP had also recommended establishing a new informal group to amend Regulation No. 94 (Frontal impact) by changing the type of deformable barrier element and revising the testing procedures. The World Forum gave its consent to set up the informal group.

Proposal for Rules of Procedure

1. The informal group is open to all participants of GRSP. A limitation of number of participants from any country and organization to participate in the informal group is actually not foreseen.
2. A Chairman (Mr Castaing) and a Secretary (Mr Faerber) will govern the informal group.
3. The official language of the informal group will be English.
4. All documents and/or proposals must be submitted to the Secretary of the group in a suitable electronic format in advance of the meeting. The group may refuse to discuss any item or proposal which has not been circulated 10 working days in advance.
5. An agenda and related documents will be circulated to all members of the informal group at least two weeks in advance of all scheduled meetings.
6. The process will pursue consensus. When consensus can not be reached, the chairman of the group shall present the different points of view to GRSP.
7. The progress of the informal group generally will be reported to GRSP as an informal document and presented by the chairman.
8. All working documents should be distributed in digital form, and accessible on the UNECE website in the GRSP folder.
<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29grsp/XXX.html>

Proposal for Terms of Reference

1. The informal group shall consider the updating of the current R94 regulation for adapting it with the new context and new vehicle generation and include regulatory impact assessment.
 - Proper justification for all proposed changes (speed, offset, PDB, etc.) shall be provided and assessed by the informal group. In addition a cost benefit study shall be made.
2. The group shall focus on self-protection but take into account research worldwide on compatibility in order not to go against future compatibility requirements.
3. The informal group will take into consideration amongst others the technical expertise of EEVC WG16 and EEVC WG15, as well as the results of the discussions held in the informal group and at GRSP.
4. The discussion will be based on the formal documents n° ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2007/17 presented to GRSP in December 2007.
5. If necessary, the informal group could propose complementary test methods.
6. The target completion date for the informal group shall be the forty-seven session of GRSP (May 2010).

Proposal for the description of work

1st meeting: (May, 19th 2008; Geneva)

- Kick off meeting to define ToR and rules of procedure
- Summary of the document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2007/17

2nd meeting (6th October 2008; Paris OICA ; 09:30 to 17:00)

- Analysis of Chairman Work Plan draft document and definition of priorities

3rd meeting (December 2008; Geneva)

- Tuesday 9th December