

DETA proposals for the development of the review of the 1958 Agreement and UN Regulation 0

1. The informal group on the International Whole Vehicle Type Approval (IWVTA) has recently started two working groups, one on the preparation of the review of the 1958 Agreement and one on the development of Regulation 0 dealing with IWVTA.
2. The secretariat of DETA has tabled the question of the mandatory use of DETA-system for the November 2011 meeting of IWVTA. For procedural reasons the questions should have been addressed to WP.29.
3. The informal group on DETA has tabled several questions to the March session of WP.29, among which one question on the mandatory use of DETA. However, WP.29 took no decision.
4. Despite the absence of a decision by WP.29 it is advisable that the two working groups mentioned under point 1 already take account of the wish from DETA to incorporate the mandatory use of DETA in its draft proposals for Regulation 0 and the review of the 1958 Agreement. If needed, the relevant text could be placed between square brackets until WP.29 has taken a decision.
5. In Annex 1 to this document you can find a proposal for including the principle for the mandatory use of DETA in the 1958 Agreement. Please note that it does not take into account other requests from DETA, like the elaboration of a steering board.
6. In Annex 2 to this document you can find a proposal for including the mandatory use of DETA in the draft UN Regulation 0; the proposals for the DETA system are indicated in bold characters while deleted text is given in strikethrough.
7. It was agreed in the DETA-meeting of the 12th of March that an initial draft for the DETA proposals would be distributed first under the participants of the meeting for comments. The delegations are requested to give their view on parts of the text that are between square brackets!
The delegates participating in DETA are kindly requested to give their written comments and alternative proposals (if any) on the 1st of June 2012 at the latest.
8. Based on the received comments the informal group on DETA requests the IWVTA working groups on Regulation 0 and on the Review of the 1958 Agreement to incorporate the attached proposals in their draft regulation or review.

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DETA proposals for incorporating in the 1958 Agreement

Proposal

Replace article 5 of the revised 1958 Agreement by:

“Article 5

The ~~competent~~ **approval** authorities of each Contracting Party applying Regulations through type approval shall, *within 20 working days of issue and by means of a common secure electronic exchange system [(DETA)]*, send ~~monthly~~ to the ~~competent approval~~ authorities of the other Contracting Parties **a copy of the communication form, together with attachments as requested by the relevant Regulation, for each approval of a wheeled vehicle, equipment or part that it has granted, extended, refused to grant, or withdrawn.** ~~list of the wheeled vehicle, equipment or parts, approvals of which it has refused to grant or has withdrawn during that month; in~~

The above mentioned procedure shall be used also for the circulation of the communication form and attachments for each whole vehicle approval (I-WVTA) issued by the Contracting Parties applying Regulation 0.

In addition, on receiving a request from the ~~competent approval~~ authority of another Contracting Party applying a Regulation through type approval, it shall send forthwith to that ~~competent approval~~ authority a copy of all relevant information on which it based its decision to grant, **extend**, refuse to grant, or ~~to~~ withdraw an approval of a wheeled vehicle, equipment or parts to that Regulation.”

The text without change markings would read:

Article 5

The competent authorities of each Contracting Party applying Regulations through type approval shall, within 20 working days of issue and by means of a common secure electronic exchange system [(DETA)], send to the competent authorities of the other Contracting Parties a copy of the communication form, together with attachments as requested by the relevant Regulation, for each approval of a wheeled vehicle, equipment or part that it has granted, extended, refused to grant, or withdrawn.

The above mentioned procedure shall be used also for the circulation of the communication form and attachments for each whole vehicle approval (I-WVTA) issued by the Contracting Parties applying Regulation 0.

In addition, on receiving a request from the competent authority of another Contracting Party applying a Regulation through type approval, it shall send forthwith to that competent authority a copy of all relevant information on which it based its decision to grant, extend, refuse to grant, or withdraw an approval of a wheeled vehicle, equipment or part to that Regulation.

Justification:

The target of the DETA, simplification of the markings, can only be reached when all Contracting Parties upload their approvals in the database. Therefore the application of the system should be mandated for all UN regulations. In order to prevent that huge paper files with approvals and attachments will be sent by post all over the world the use of the system

should also be mandated for IWVTA's as soon as it becomes possible to grant such approvals. Once the system is in operation it can also be used for other exchange of information between approval authorities like the refusal or withdrawal of approvals.

The proposal made by DETA provides the provisions for an obligation to circulate all communication documents via DETA inclusive granting, refusal to grant, withdrawal and extension of approvals. Having an obligation to circulate all communication documents via DETA then there will be little value in having to circulate also a list of approvals, while such lists are not regularly circulated now and formal refusal or withdrawal communication forms are rare. Finally some minor edits have been made and the terminology "competent authority" has been replaced by approval authority".

DETA proposals for incorporating in UN Regulation 0

Document [IWVTA-09-09](#) contains the first proposal from OICA for a UN Regulation 0 on the International Whole Vehicle Type approval. Paragraph 4.3 is relevant for the application of the DETA system. In order to mandate the use of the DETA system it is necessary to amend that proposed paragraph as follows:

4 Approval

- 4.1 If the vehicle type submitted for approval pursuant to this Regulation meets the requirements of the Regulation, approval of that vehicle type shall be granted.
- 4.2 An approval number shall be assigned to each type approved. Its first two digits (at present 00 for the Regulation in its original form) shall indicate the series of amendments incorporating the most recent major technical amendments made to the Regulation at the time of issue of the approval. The same Contracting Party shall not assign this number to another vehicle type.
- 4.3 Notice of approval or of extension or refusal of approval or production definitely discontinued of a vehicle type pursuant to this Regulation shall be communicated **by means of a common secure electronic exchange system** to the Parties to the 1958 Agreement applying this Regulation, ~~by means of~~ **using** a form conforming to the model in Annex 1 to this Regulation.
- 4.4 An international approval mark shall be affixed, conspicuously and in a readily accessible place specified on the approval form, to every vehicle conforming to a vehicle type approved under this Regulation. Such international approval mark shall consist of:
- 4.4.1 A circle surrounding the letter “E” followed by the distinguishing number of the country which has granted approval¹;
- 4.4.2 The number of this Regulation, followed by the letter “R”, a dash and the approval number to the right of the circle prescribed in paragraph 4.4.1.
- 4.5 If the vehicle conforms to a vehicle type approved according to this regulation, no approval marks with regard to approvals granted for the regulations listed in annex 4 need to be affixed to the vehicle.
- 4.6 The approval mark shall be clearly legible and be indelible.
- 4.7 The approval mark shall be placed close to or on the vehicle data plate affixed by the manufacturer.
- 4.8 Annex 2 to this Regulation gives an example of the arrangement of the approval mark.

¹ see annex 3 of Document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/78/Rev.2