

STATUS REPORT ON IWVTA INFORMAL GROUP

1. IWVTA Informal Group held its session on June 22nd in Paris. During this session, Informal Group endorsed the propositions made by the two Sub-groups on the amendment of the 1958 Agreement and the new Regulation No.0. The propositions are listed below and submitted to WP.29 for consideration.

2. The propositions made by Sub-group “1958 Agreement”

	Endorsed propositions/ Acknowledged Issues	Next step
Article 3	<p>-The proposed amendment of Article 3 was agreed with minor modifications.</p> <p>-The Russian Federation made a reservation because this issue has to be further discussed internally.</p>	<p>-The proposed revision of Article 3 will be finalized if no additional comments will be submitted.</p>
Article 4	<p>-The flow chart for the current safeguard clause was shared by Sub-group members. The following two issues have to be considered,</p> <p>(1) It is necessary to revise the current safeguard clause so that CPs can take appropriate actions as soon as the said CPs find that the concerned vehicles do not conform to the approved type or receive such information on their non-compliance.</p> <p>(2) An exceptional provision for safeguard measures has to be considered in case a serious threat to safety, environmental protection, etc. arises</p>	<p>-The identified issues (1) and (2) will be further considered.</p> <p>-It is expected that the concrete proposal will be submitted to the next Sub-group meeting to be held on September 26 in Brussels.</p>
Article 11 & Article 12	<p>-The Sub-group members agreed on the following 4 principles concerning the application of earlier versions of UN Regulations.</p> <p>(1) The word “application” has to be defined clearly. In some cases the word “acceptance” or “issuance” should be used instead of “application” in order to deliver clear-cut meaning of the concerned provisions.</p> <p>(2) All CPs which apply the UN Regulation can issue and/or accept type approvals in accordance with all the versions of the said UN Regulation including the latest one.</p> <p>(3) The conditions for granting type approvals should be clearly established.</p>	<p>-The 4 principles will be more precisely elaborated by the Sub-group Chairman by the middle of July.</p> <p>-The correspondence group will be formulated in order to draft the revision of Article 11 and 12 and possibly Article 2. The Sub-group members wishing to contribute to the correspondence group “Article 11/12” should send a E-mail before 25 June to the Chairman and the Secretary of the sub-group. The target is to finalise the work of the correspondence group by the middle of July.</p>

	(technical competence + COP + verification tests) (4) The conditions for accepting type approvals should be clearly established.	
Placeholder	-The Sub-group members agreed on the proposed administrative status of the technical Appendices to the 1958 Agreement to be realized by amending Article 13 and Appendix 1.	-The proposed revision of Article 13 and Appendix 1 will be finalized if no comments will be submitted.
Placeholder (Conditions for Technical Service)	- The Sub-group members discussed the various issues associated with the requirements to the technical services. - The Sub-group agreed that the document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1059 will be the starting point to further elaborate the provisions concerning the technical services.	-The correspondence group will be formulated in order to draft the placeholder on technical services. The Sub-group members wishing to contribute to the correspondence group ” technical services” should send a E-mail before 25 June to the Chairman and the Secretary of the sub-group. The target is to finalise the work of the correspondence group well before the next meeting of the subgroup in September.
Virtual test	- The Sub-group agreed that the general provision on virtual testing should be inserted to the 1958 Agreement and that general conditions required for virtual testing methods should be added in the placeholder.	It is expected that the concrete proposal will be submitted to the September meeting of Sub-group “1958 Agreement” to be held in September 26 in Brussels.
other	- The Sub-group members were requested to review the document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1059 and to submit their proposals for the placeholders, taking into account the proposed actions that have been identified to be relevant for the placeholders. Member of the subgroup are also invited to submit their draft proposals for reviewing the remaining articles of the 1958 Agreement.	

3. The propositions made by Sub-group “UN R0”

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Flexible WVTA scheme	- The Sub-group started discussion on the possibility of flexible whole vehicle type approval scheme allowing different levels of WVTA.	- OICA plans to propose flexible whole vehicle type approval scheme where the national or regional requirements for IWVTA are not taken into account in the first stage to September Sub-group meeting.

