

Report of GRRF Alternative Method Electronic Vehicle Stability Control (AMEVSC) Informal Working Group

Since the last progress report on the work of the AMEVSC Informal Working Group at the 71st Session of GRRF, a further meeting has taken place on the 18th October 2011.

The proposal from the European Union to WP.29/AC.1 to amend the Supplement 9 to the 11 Series proposal (WP.29/2011/94) by changing “system manufacturer” to “vehicle manufacturer” (WP.29-155-06) was reviewed. The result was that the group could not support the proposed change, as it changes the fundamental philosophy behind the work of the AMEVSC informal working group. The same content change is proposed by the European Commission in GRRF/2012/9, as in WP.29-155-06, and again the informal working group can not support it.

In reviewing GRRF-71-15, as requested at the 71st GRRF taking into account comments made by the representative of the Russian Federation, the group is not able to continue its support for this proposal. It was considered that (a) the example used as justification would no longer be applicable in today’s legislative environment (it occurred in the time period 1977 – 1986 and the decision was based on health/medical legislation), (b) enforcement of the requirement would be difficult, if not impossible, and (c) there could be a conflict of interests between the converter and the vehicle manufacturer holding the original type-approval. As a result document GRRF-71-15 is withdrawn without replacement.

Also at this meeting the group further addressed the use and validation of the simulation tool and a working document containing proposed amendments to Appendices 1, 2 and 3 is submitted for consideration by GRRF at this session – document GRRF/2012/2. This proposed amendment clarifies the requirements for using the simulation tool, validating the simulation tool and the content of simulation tool validation test report and aligns the requirements with those proposed for the Annex 19 motor vehicle test report.

With the submission of GRRF/2012/2 the AMEVSC informal working group considers that after 7 meetings over a period of 2 years it has fulfilled its terms of reference and no further meetings have been scheduled.
