

The informal group shall consider the updating of the current R94 regulation with particular attention to the protection of older occupants, female occupants and also focus on optimization of vehicles' structural interaction to improve self protection and partner protection.

The informal group will make use of existing tools, considering and developing the results of ongoing research and validation programs.

In particular the group expects to make use of results from:

- FIMCAR with regard to set of test procedure (target end of 2012)

- THORAX with regard to thorax injury prediction tools (target mid 2012)

- An expert group to validate the use of thorax injury prediction tools (DEQ, THMPR, RibEye) for the H3 (target end of 2012)

- An expert group to conduct an impact assessment until the end of 2013

As a first step with those results the group will propose a final draft for an amended R94 to GRSP by May of 2014.

A second step to improve frontal impact regulation shall be envisaged preferably by means of a GTR, starting at least mid of 2014, depending on the availability and the progress of the THOR NT with input of the research project THORAX.

The group encourages collaboration on the development of a harmonized THOR dummy for that second step.

A “grandfathering” clause could be used for the second phase, so that the new rules may apply only to completely new vehicle designs.

The group asks GRSP to seek consent of a mandate until the end of 2014.