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Forty-seventh session
Geneva, 19 - 21 February 2008

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION^{1, 2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 14.30 h on Tuesday, 19 February 2008
and concluding at 17.30 h on Thursday, 21 February 2008

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I. INFORMAL MEETING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GRB SESSION PROPER

The forty-seventh session of the Working Party on Noise (GRB) was initially scheduled to be held from 19 (p.m.) to 21 (p.m.) February 2008. However, during its last session (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/44, para. 3), GRB decided to start the session on Tuesday morning, 19 February 2008, with an informal meeting on an improved noise test measurement method for motorcycles during the whole day, without interpretation in the morning part of the session. Full interpretation will only be provided from Tuesday, 19 February 2008, afternoon to Thursday, 21 February 2008, afternoon.

II. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
2. Regulation No. 41
(Noise of motorcycles) ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/44, para. 4
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2007/5
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2007/5/Corr.1
3. Regulation No. 51
(Noise of M and N categories of vehicles)
 - (a) Development ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/44, paras. 5-6
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2007/2
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2007/6
 - (b) New sound limit values ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/44, paras. 7-9
 - (c) Additional sound emission provisions
(ASEP) ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/44, para. 10
4. Regulation No. 59
(Replacement silencing systems) ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/44, para. 11
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2007/7
5. Regulation No. 117
(Tyre rolling noise and wet grip adhesion) ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2008/2
6. 1998 AGREEMENT:
NEW GTR ON NOISE ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/44, paras. 12-14
7. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
REQUIREMENTS ON NOISE LEVELS ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/44, para. 15
8. INFLUENCE OF ROAD SURFACE ON
TYRE ROLLING SOUND EMISSIONS ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/44, para. 17-19

9. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON VEHICLE NOISE REDUCTION CALCULATION METHODS ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/44, para. 16
10. NOISE ABATEMENT ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/44, para. 20
11. OTHER BUSINESS

III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with Chapter III, Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of WP.29 (TRANS/WP.29/690), the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. Regulation No. 41 - (Noise of motorcycles)

GRB may wish to consider a Corrigendum to the Regulation, proposed by the expert from ISO.

3. Regulation No. 51 – (Noise of M and N categories of vehicles)

(a) Development

GRB agreed to continue consideration of a proposal by the Russian Federation on the introduction of durability requirements for noise reduction systems into the Regulation, on condition that GRB receives data justifying it. GRB may wish to consider an updated proposal by CLEPA to include into the Regulation requirements on exhaust systems containing absorbing materials.

(b) New sound limit values

GRB may wish to take note of the communication made by the expert from the European Commission that at the end of the two-year monitoring process, an impact assessment report, containing the data collected, would be made publicly available (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1064, para. 24). GRB may wish to consider questions related to the implementation of the requirements of Annex 10 to the Regulation.

(c) Additional sound emission provisions (ASEP)

GRB may wish to be informed by the Chairman of the informal group about the results of its ninth meeting held on 23-25 January 2008 in Ann Arbor (USA).

4. Regulation No. 59 - (Replacement silencing systems)

GRB may wish to consider an updated proposal by CLEPA to include into the Regulation requirements on silencers or components filled with absorbing materials.

5. Regulation No. 117 - (Tyre rolling noise and wet grip adhesion)

GRB may wish to consider amendments to the Regulation proposed by ETRTO.

6. 1998 AGREEMENT: ELABORATION OF A NEW GTR ON NOISE

GRB may wish to consider the elaboration of a noise gtr, once the limit values of Regulation No. 51 are known.

7. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON NOISE LEVELS

GRB welcomes any information received from its experts about the development of national and international requirements on noise levels.

8. INFLUENCE OF ROAD SURFACE ON TYRE ROLLING SOUND EMISSIONS

GRB welcomes any information received from its experts on the influence of road surface on tyre rolling sound emissions.

9. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON VEHICLE NOISE REDUCTION CALCULATION METHODS

GRB may wish to have an exchange of views on vehicle noise reduction calculation methods, if proposals are available.

10. NOISE ABATEMENTS

GRB may wish to resume the consideration of the road noise abatement cost and benefits.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

GRB might wish to consider any other subject on its agenda.
