

GRE INFORMAL WG – “HORIZONTAL REFERENCE DOCUMENT”

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Motivation

The development of a Horizontal Reference Document (HRD) is expected to result in a major simplification of the process of updating the Regulations as amendments are adopted. The potential benefits are described in the introductory document (GRE-63-27) presented to GRE at its 63rd session by the GRE Chairman.

Scope and objectives

The objective of the informal group is to examine the lighting and light-signalling regulations to identify the common elements (technical and administrative) that are currently defined in each regulation and move them into a Horizontal Reference Document (HRD) that will be available on the UNECE website and managed using a change control procedure.

Initially the group will concentrate on the light signalling regulations but longer term the approach will be extended to the lighting regulations and finally to the installation regulations.

Timescales

No specific targets are defined. Progress will depend upon the difficulties encountered during the process and the amendments required to align the common elements of the individual regulations. From time to time the group may lie dormant whilst issues are resolved at GRE level.

Membership of the Informal Working Group

All experts shall have the agreement of their respective contracting party or NGO to participate. They may present their own expert opinion and they may represent the position of their GRE member organisation.

Methodology

The group shall meet in conjunction with GRE sessions and work between these meetings using email or teleconferencing.

Initially the group will concentrate on the light-signalling regulations and identify the common elements defining testing and administrative requirements that can be moved into the Horizontal Reference Document (HRD).

The tasks will be distributed among the group members who will submit their conclusions and proposals for the group to examine at its bi-annual meetings in conjunction with GRE sessions.

Reporting and Monitoring

The informal group will issue the agenda at least [six] weeks prior to the meeting and will issue the draft report within [six] weeks of the date of the meeting. A report will be provided in advance of each GRE session as an informal document.

GRE will monitor the progress of the group and will address issues that cannot be resolved by the informal group.