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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Annotated provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session ^{1,2}**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 3 September 2012 and concluding at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 5 September 2012.

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 - (a) Regulation Nos. 41, 51 and 59;
 - (b) Regulation Nos. 9 and 63.
8. Exchange of information on national and international requirements on noise levels.
9. Influence of road surface on tyre rolling sound emissions.
10. Quiet Road Transport Vehicles.
11. Definitions and acronyms in Regulations under GRB responsibilities.
12. Proposal for amendments to Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles.
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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with Chapter III, Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure (TRANS/WP.29/690 and Amend.1) of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2012/4).

2. Regulation No. 41 (Noise of motorcycles)

The Working Party on Noise (GRB) expects a proposal for updating the references to ISO standards into the Regulation (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/52, para. 3). Moreover GRB agreed to resume consideration of a proposal tabled by the expert from the Russian

Federation, on providing harmonized definitions on vehicle type concerning noise, the terms noise and sound (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/53, para. 3).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2012/5

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

(a) Development

GRB agreed to resume discussion on the updating of the ISO references to a number of Regulations under GRB responsibility (including Regulation No. 51) on the basis of a concrete proposal including transitional provisions (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/52, para. 4).

(b) New limit values

GRB agreed to resume discussion (i) on the noise limit values in method B on the basis of the proposal tabled by the expert from Germany (GRB-54-03) and on a proposed 03 series of amendments to Regulation No. 51 prepared by the expert from the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA), (ii) on alternative proposal of new limits tabled by the expert from Japan and (iii) on a proposal tabled by the expert from China in collaboration with the expert from ISO, aimed at revising the definitions of the "pre-acceleration", "reference point" and the "specific test conditions" for vehicles, if available (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/53, paras. 5-10).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2012/7

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2012/8

Informal documents GRB-54-03 and GRB-55-01

(c) Additional sound emission provisions

GRB agreed to review the new provisions on Additional Sound Emission Provisions (ASEP) to refine the purpose of the new noise limit values. (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/52, paras. 8–9).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2011/64

4. Regulation No. 59 (Replacement silencing systems)

GRB agreed to resume consideration of this subject on the basis of a concrete proposal for amendments, prepared by the experts from the Netherlands and the European Association of Automobile Suppliers (CLEPA), if available (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/53, para. 13).

5. Regulation No. 92 (Replacement exhaust silencing systems for motorcycles)

GRB might wish to continue discussion on proposed amendments, if available.

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

GRB may wish to be informed by the expert from the Russian Federation about the initiative made by experts from his country to the European Tyre and Rim Technical Organisation (ETRTO) to create a task force of industry experts on deceleration test and further consider the test method development (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/53, para. 15). Moreover, GRB will consider three proposals tabled by the expert from ETRTO to amend the snow test method for C3 tyres, to align Annex 6 of the UN Regulation to the ISO standard 28580 and to update the reference to the ISO standard of the test track. Finally, GRB will consider for final review a proposal adopted by the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF) proposing to amend the definition of the measuring rim for C1, C2 and C3 tyres (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/72 para. 33).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2012/9
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2012/10
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2012/11

7. Collective amendments

(a) Regulations Nos. 41, 51 and 59

GRB may wish to examine a proposal by the expert from the Netherlands harmonizing the use of the terminology used in certain Regulations, if available (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/53, para. 16).

(b) Regulation Nos. 9 and 63

GRB agreed to consider two proposals tabled by the expert from the International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA) aligning the provisions of Regulation Nos. 9 and 63 with those of the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 41 (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/53, paras. 18–19).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2012/13
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2012/14

8. Exchange of information on national and international requirements on noise levels

GRB may wish to continue the exchange of views on developing national or regional legislation and international requirements concerning noise levels (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/53, para. 20).

9. Influence of road surface on tyre rolling sound emissions

GRB is expected to receive new information on this agenda item.

10. Quiet Road Transport Vehicles

GRB agreed to resume discussion of this agenda item, awaiting the outcome of the informal working group on quiet road transport vehicles (QRTV) (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/53, paras. 22–24) and the decision of WP.29 and of the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement (AC.3) at their June 2012 sessions to develop a new UN Global Technical Regulation on QRTV.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2012/6

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2012/60

11. Definitions and acronyms in Regulations under GRB responsibilities.

GRB agreed to resume discussion on this subject on the basis of a proposal voluntarily prepared by the experts from OICA, if available (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/53, para. 25).

12. Proposal for amendments to the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles

GRB agreed to resume consideration on a proposal tabled by the expert from the Russian Federation aimed at updating the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3). (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/53, para. 26).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2012/12

13. Environmentally Friendly Vehicles

GRB will continue exchanging views on this matter. (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/52, para. 21).

14. Development of the International Whole Vehicle Type Approval (IWVTA) system and involvement of the Working Parties (GRs) in it

GRB may wish to consider this matter following the discussion held during the March 2012 session of WP.29 (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1095, paras. 57-59).

15. Other business

GRB may wish to consider any other subjects, if necessary.

16. Election of officers

In compliance with Rule 37 of the Rules of Procedure (TRANS/WP.29/690 and Amend.1), GRB will elect the Chair and Vice-Chair for the sessions scheduled for the year 2013.
