

## **Draft report of the 40<sup>th</sup> session of the IWG on DETA**

Date: Tuesday 2 March 2021  
Venue: abbreviated virtual meeting  
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### **Agenda**

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda.
2. Approval of the draft minutes of the IWG on DETA 39th and subgroup on UI session.
3. State of play.
4. Financing.
5. UI marking.
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#### **1. Adoption of the provisional agenda.**

Document DETA-40-01e-rev1. The agenda was adopted.

#### **2. Approval of the draft minutes of the IWG on DETA 39th and subgroup on UI session.**

Documents DETA-40-02e and DETA-40-03e.  
The draft minutes were approved.

#### **3. State of play.**

The Chair informed the IWG that the DETA system is working well and stable. Thirty-one contracting parties notified a focal point to access the system. Twelve manufacturers have access to their own approvals in DETA. About 6,500 approvals have been uploaded by nine approval authorities.

The Chair then updated the IWG about the WP.29 82<sup>nd</sup> session. WP.29 endorsed the Guidelines for the use of DETA with regard to the exchange of information on Cyber Security. As regards financing the WP.29 Secretary proposed to seek alternative funding possibilities due to the continued blocking of regular budget funding. OICA, CLEPA, ETRTO and CITA confirmed at WP.29 their continued availability to fund the additional functionalities Unique Identifier (UI) and Declaration of Conformity (DoC) once the contractual issues are resolved.

Furthermore, the Chair informed the group that the German KBA is exploring the possibility to fund the automatic upload functionality for automatically uploading of approval documents and attributes to DETA. As regards the system security, KBA is exploring possibilities for introducing multi factor authentication. The UNECE secretariat offered to further share information with the KBA on existing rules and guidance with regard cybersecurity at the United Nations.

#### **4. Financing.**

The representative from the UNECE secretariat informed the IWG that ITC, at its 83<sup>rd</sup> session, discussed the hosting of DETA by UNECE. He explained that ITC thanked Germany for the hosting of DETA and that ITC noted the request of several delegations to finance the database through the ECE regular budget. He concluded that ITC reaffirmed that due to lack of consensus, financing will continue to be implemented through alternative ways of contributions, pending further consultations. Following a discussion, the IWG decided that a dedicated meeting is necessary to explore the alternative ways of funding. These ways may include annual fees, 'fair shares', or any other financing options that had been discussed in the past within the IWG and WP.29. The funding need to cover for running costs as well as for financing future developments. The Chair confirmed that for the time being KBA will continue to finance the running costs for DETA but for future, a sound basis is necessary. On behalf of the IWG on DETA, the Chair will request the UNECE secretariat at WP.29 to organise the dedicated meeting on funding.

As regards the financing of the UI and DoC, the Chair explained that KBA is working on separate contracts with the software house and sponsors. KBA will get into contact, bilaterally, with both OICA and CITA.

#### **5. UI Marking.**

The GRE representative from France presented, on behalf of the GRE SLR group, document DETA-SG-UI-02e rev1. This presentation clarified that essential information is not visible on the product anymore when the UI marking is used instead of the traditional approval marking. To ensure that all the information currently being available by the traditional marking, will also be available when the UI marking is used, the

SLR group proposed to create a new 'summary document' in DETA. This (PDF) document could for instance include the UI marking on the device, pictures/drawings of the device and the traditional marking information. A new user group 'public' shall be created in DETA to ensure the public access to the summary document. This way, anyone reading the UI from a product can find the corresponding original marking information in DETA. The SLR group clarified that the GR's shall decide on the content of the summary documents and the UN regulations to which it applies. The subgroup on UI session of 24 February already agreed to this approach on condition that the summary documents not contain confidential information or become available too early (before the press release date). The IWG Secretary added that the expert from the software house, during the subgroup on UI session, explained that a separate website could be developed to allow for the public access to the summary documents in DETA. The public will then be no user group in the DETA system itself.

The expert from OICA reiterated the importance of not including confidential information as regards pictures/drawings in the summary documents.

The IWG decided to explain the principle of the SLR proposal to WP.29 and ask for first observations. In case there is no principle objection further details can be developed. The expert of the SLR group offered to work on this within SLR. As the group recognised that the issue is relevant for all GR's the IWG Secretary suggested to work together on the matter and to develop a presentation to be made available to all GR's.

The expert from ETRTO then presented document DETA-39-06e. This presentation aimed to get clarity about interpretations and the status of agreements and guidelines with regard the use of the UI. It also explained the difficulties for the specific markings according to the various tyre regulations. ETRTO explained the reasons why the current definition of 'product', being the unique combination of type approval numbers, does not fit in all cases the markings prescribed by the tyre regulations. Therefore, ETRTO proposed to amend the UI guidelines document (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2019/77) accordingly. The experts from ETRTO, SLR group and OICA further debated the product definition in relation to the UI. It was understood that product changes that do not affect compliance with legislation should not affect the UI. The Chair suggested investigating whether different products would need different product definitions. The IWG then agreed to held a meeting to further discuss the UI issues raised by ETRTO. A type approval specialist on tyres will be invited to this dedicated meeting as well.

Finally, the group discussed the traceability of documents, like guidelines and Q&A's, on the UNECE webpage. The IWG Secretary together with the UNECE secretariat will further explore this.

## **6. Access rights to market surveillance authorities.**

The Chair explained that the IWG's previous conclusions on read access for market surveillance authorities to documents stored on DETA had been reported to the 182<sup>nd</sup> session of WP.29. WP.29 however did not shared any opinion on this matter.

The representative from the Russian Federation suggested splitting approval documents. Document parts with a non-confidential content can then be made available to the market surveillance authorities from a new user group applicable to them. The IWG Secretary argued that in the EU market surveillance is a government task and the authorities have the right to access all documents they regard relevant. They should therefore also get access to all documents in DETA, under the control of the contracting party, duly observing confidentiality and limited to the regulatory purpose.

The IWG agreed to ask WP.29 for its confirmation as regards access rights for market surveillance authorities.

The representative from the UNECE secretariat suggested requesting the IWVTA IWG to develop a definition for market surveillance authorities to aid the discussions at WP.29.

## **7. AOB.**

### **a) ETRTO proposal for partitioning of documents and file names in DETA.**

Document: DETA-39-05e. Moved to next session for reasons of time.

### **b) Grouping of items in the DETA 'news' section.**

Moved to next session for reasons of time.

### **c) IWG mandate.**

The IWG's mandate will expire in June. WP.29 will be requested to extent the mandate during its June session.

The Chair summarised that the IWG on DETA will update WP.29 and request:

- the UNECE secretariat to call for, and organise, a meeting dedicated to discuss the funding of DETA;
- to explain the concept of the SLR proposal for DETA summary documents and to get WP.29's approval to further detail this;
- confirmation on access rights to DETA for market surveillance authorities.

## **8. Next meetings.**

- Subgroup on UI: virtual meeting, date t.b.d.
- IWG on DETA 41th session: virtual meeting, (45 moved to) 14 June 2021.