

## **DRAFT REPORT OF THE 47<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE IWG ON DETA**

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Venue: ACEA, Brussels, hybrid meeting  
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### **Agenda**

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#### **1. Adoption of the provisional agenda.**

Document DETA-47-01e. The agenda was adopted as presented.

#### **2. Approval of the draft minutes of the IWG on DETA 46th session.**

Document DETA-47-02e. The draft minutes were approved.

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

The Chair laid out the current state of play, noting that nineteen authorities uploaded in total 46,000 approvals and thirty-six Contracting Parties notified a focal point to access the system. About 5,810 manufacturers are uploaded and fifteen manufacturers have access to their own approvals in DETA. He expected that once the mass-upload functionality is implemented within the organizations, the number of approvals uploaded will significantly increase.

The Chair then informed the IWG that WP.29 during its 189th session agreed to extend the mandate of the IWG for two more years. As regards the UI marking issue, WP.29 agreed to wait for the evaluation by the GRs and to have more detailed discussions on this topic at the next session.

The Chair then inquired about the system security and the representatives of the contracting parties confirmed their support to the implementation of the 'two-factor authentication with e-mail' solution as previously proposed by the software house (document DETA-46-05e). According to the expert from the software house implementation may be realised by the end of this year, t.b.c.

#### **4. Access to DETA (for technical services and in the context of PTI).**

The Chair recalled the previous discussions on widening the access rights to DETA.

The IWG agreed that technical services shall get general read access to all approval certificates of all UN Regulations. Access to other documents shall not yet be allowed, noting that contracting parties may submit to their discretion relevant documents to these technical services when they perform authoritative tasks, like market surveillance. As a second step, the IWG on DETA will in future discuss potential widening of access rights for technical services. It was also agreed that it only concerns notified technical services according to the '343 document'. A procedure how to notify a 'Focal Point' from technical services shall be developed by the next IWG on DETA session. The IWG welcomed the offer from the expert from the software house to prepare a 'show case' on handling access rights for next session.

The expert from ETRTO drew attention to approvals and test reports currently uploaded to DETA as combined pdf files. As a consequence these test reports would also be available to technical services once having access. The Chair tasked the authorities of the contracting parties that already uploaded documents to DETA to investigate whether their approvals had been uploaded in three different document parts and with the correct naming 'CERT', 'IF' and 'TR'. The IWG on DETA will during its next session consider how to proceed on this matter (e.g., replacing old approval documents from DETA or allowing access to

technical documents only for documents uploaded from a certain date).

As regards access to parties in the context of PTI, the expert from The Netherlands, acting as co-chair of the IWG on PTI, clarified that the IWG on PTI discussed the information available on DETA and concluded that access to DETA was currently not required. He suggested to liaise in future when appropriate. The IWG on DETA Chair concluded to inform WP.29 accordingly and to remove this item from the agenda for the next sessions.

#### **5. Widening of the scope of DETA / making DETA future proof.**

The Chair recalled that access to DETA for PTI was one of the issues for consideration under this agenda item but, as discussed under agenda item 4, now frozen.

The Chair then introduced DETA-47-03e related to a feasibility and acceptance study by the German KBA on xml-data used in the type-approval process. He explained that exchange of structured data between approval authorities and manufacturers has great expected benefits for type-approval and related processes, including automated validations. He cited that in the EU there is already a system in place for exchanging xml-data in relation to CoC's ('Certificates of Conformity').

The Secretary expressed support for discussing these developments and pointed out that the Dutch RDW already had a system in place allowing automated type-approval based on exchange of xml-data, yet for limited cases.

Also the representative from Finland expressed interest in the discussions especially when these developments would result in allowing automated validations.

The representative from Australia explained that their authority already had an xml-data based system in place and recently implemented a new system. He offered to arrange for a presentation for next session.

The Chair suggested that authorities may consider to already upload xml-files on DETA in addition to the required pdf-files. Contracting parties can then assess if they will use these and if it offers any benefits.

No other suggestions on widening of the scope had been received by the IWG on DETA.

#### **6. Unique Identifier.**

The Secretary introduced document DETA-47-05e overviewing the results of the screening by all GRs of the UN regulations under their purview as regards the ban or acceptance of the UI marking. The 'DETA ambassadors' to the GRs then explained the details of the results of the discussions at their GRs.

The IWG summarized that several GRs already agreed, or are considering, to ban the UI marking for all their UN regulations for the time being. Other GRs are considering to potentially allow the UI marking, whether or not with addition marking, for a limited number of regulations.

The IWG on DETA concluded that the benefits of the UI marking appear less obvious to the GRs. In line with the discussions at the GRs, the IWG then discussed whether it would be appropriate to revise Schedule 5 of the 1958 Agreement Revision 3 clarifying that the UI marking may only be applied for UN regulations specifically allowing for it, or to amend almost all UN regulations to include a ban of the UI marking. In case of the latter, and considering supplements to earlier series of amendments, this may create a heavy workload. However, the IWG concluded it was premature to already prepare any proposals on this matter to WP.29 and to first update WP.29 on the (preliminary) results of the discussions at the GRs.

The expert from CITA suggested to first consider a UI marking concept which would be beneficial to all parties before implementing the current UI concept resulting from the revised 58 Agreement. This suggestion was well received by several delegates.

It was also suggested that individual UN Regulations may have the flexibility to develop a specific simplified marking, better adapted their own needs, instead of the current UI concept.

The expert from ETRTO announced that ETRTO's offer to co-sponsor the UI functionality was currently frozen. ETRTO will first consider the benefits of the UI concept before deciding on any sponsoring.

#### **7. Report to WP.29.**

The Chair introduced a first draft of the status report to WP.29, document DETA-47-04e. The IWG amended the report in line with the decisions made during the session, document DETA-47-04e rev 1.

#### **8. AOB.**

The Chair inquired about the need to start discussing the implementation of the DoC in accordance with UN Regulation 0. The IWG decided to ask the IWVTA IWG first to reconfirm the need for any DoC concept in the first place before working on any implementation.

#### **9. Next meetings.**

Hybrid session, Thursday 9 November at UNECE, Geneva.