

## **Concerning nonfulfillment of the 1958 Geneva Agreement provisions by some Contracting Parties**

1. In accordance with Article 2, paragraph 1 of the 1958 Geneva Agreement, “each Contracting Party which grants type approval shall take the necessary measures as set out in Schedule 1 annexed to this Agreement to verify that adequate arrangements have been made to ensure that wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts are manufactured in conformity with the approved type”.

2. The Russian Federation draws the WP.29 attention to the fact that some Contracting Parties, after granting type approval to Russian manufacturers, unreasonably evade the implementation of the quoted paragraph of the Geneva Agreement of 1958, refusing to carry out inspections of conformity control methods applied in production facilities, while there are no obstacles in carrying out such inspections. At the same time, the type approval authorities of these Contracting Parties inform the manufacturers about the cancellations of type approvals due to the failures to carry out inspections of conformity of production, although they themselves refuse to carry them out. The Russian Federation considers such actions completely unacceptable and calls for the Contracting Parties to fulfill their obligations under the 1958 Geneva Agreement.

3. The Russian Federation also reports cases where the national type approval authorities of the Contracting Parties do not respond to requests from the Russian type approval authority for confirmation of the fact of granting and authenticity of type approvals, thereby violating the provisions of Article 5 of the 1958 Geneva Agreement. In this regard, the Russian Federation informs that if the responses to the requests of the Russian type approval authority are not received within 30 days, the corresponding type approvals will not be considered granted, and the products will not be allowed on the Russian market. In addition, the Russian Federation will have the right to consider it possible to grant type approval for such products by the Russian type approval authority.

4. The Russian Federation notes that the issue of the lack of responses to the official requests from the Russian Federation under Article 5 of the 1958 Geneva Agreement had already been raised at WP.29 in the past and was settled. In connection with that, the Russian Federation hopes that the newly arisen situation with the lack of answers would be settled again.

5. Informing WP.29 about these facts, the Russian Federation expects that WP.29 would confirm the diligent implementation of the 1958 Geneva Agreement provisions by the Contracting Parties.

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