International Driving Permits (IDPs)

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What should WP.1 be reminded of to WUNECE continue its discussions on the topic?

- Status of IDPs per the Conventions
- Model IDPs per the Conventions
- Issues concerning IDPs
- Discussions and decisions at WP.1's 81st session in Sept 2020 (paras 16 to 19, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/173)
- WP.1 brochure on Prevailing Convention for the issue/use of DDPs and IDPs
- WP.1's discussions between March 2021 to Sept 2023
- Suggestions by the secretariat





1949 Convention on Road Traffic

Article 24, para 2

'A Contracting State may however require that any driver admitted to its territory shall carry an international driving permit conforming to the model contained in annex 10, especially in the case of a driver coming from a country where a domestic driving permit is not required or where the domestic permit issued to him does not conform to the model contained in annex 9.'

1968 Convention on Road Traffic

Article 41, part of para 2(a) as replicated below and para 5

- '2(a) Contracting Parties shall recognize:
- (i) any domestic permit conforming to the provisions of Annex 6 to the Convention;
- (ii) any international permit conforming to the provisions of Annex 7 to this Convention, on condition that it is presented with the corresponding domestic driving permit, ...
- "5. An international driving permit shall be issued only to the holder of a domestic permit for the issue of which the minimum conditions laid down in this Convention have been fulfilled."



Model IDP per Annex 10 of the 1949 Convention (GREY Cover and Inside Cover, WHITE Middle Pages)

Page 1 (Cover)	PAGE 2 (Inside cover)	ENGLISH example
(Name of Country) INTERNATIONAL MOTOR TRAFFIC INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT Convention on International Road Traffic of 19 September 1949	This permit is valid in the territory of all the Contracting States with the exception of the territory of the Contracting State where issued, for the period of one year from the date of issue, for the driving of vehicles included in the category or categories mentioned on the last page of this permit.	Particulars concerning the Driver: Vehicles for which the permit is valid: Motor cycles, with or without a side-car, invelid carriages and three-wheeled with an unladen weight not exceeding 400 kg (900 lbs.).
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Model IDP per Annex 10 of the 1949 Convention (Parts I and II of the Last Page to be in FRENCH and on GREY PAPER)

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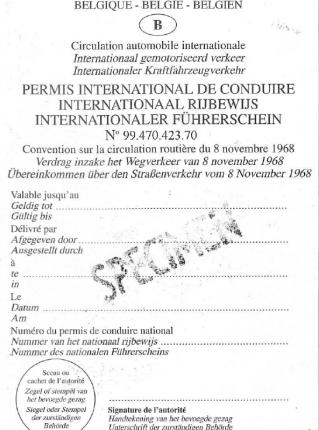
Model IDP per Annex 7 of the 1968 Convention (using Belgian example)

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Le présent permis n'est pas valable pour la circulation sur le territoire belge. Il est valable sur les territoires de toutes les autres Parties contractantes, à condition qu'il soit présenté avec le permis de conduire national correspondant. Les catégories de véhicules pour la conduite desquels il est valable sont

Ce permis cessera d'être valable sur le territoire d'une autre Partie contractante si son titulaire y établit sa résidence normale.

Dit rijbewijs is niet geldig voor het gebied van België. Het is geldig voor de gebieden van de andere Verdragsluitende partijen, op voorwaarde dat het wordt voorgelegd met het overeenkomstige nationale rijbewijs. De categorieën van voertuigen waarvoor het voor het besturen ervan geldig is zijn aan het eind van dit boekje genoemd.

Dit bewijs zal niet langer geldig zijn op het grondgebied van een andere Verdragsluitende partij wanneer de houder er zijn gewone verblijfplaats heeft.

Dieser Führerschein ist nicht gültig für den Verkehr im Hoheitsgebiet von Belgien.

Er ist gültig in den Höheitsgebieten aller anderen Vertragsparteien, wenn er zusammen mit dem entsprechenden nationalen Führerschein vorgelegt wird. Die Fahrzeugklassen, für die er gültig ist, sind am Schluss des Heftes angegeben.

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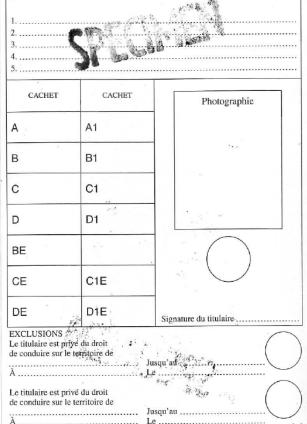
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Issues concerning IDPs



- 1. Limitations of current IDPs (per 1968 and 1949 Conventions)
 - Easily copied and altered (difficult for law enforcement authorities to detect fraudulent permits from genuine permits)
 - No register or directory of national motor vehicle agency addresses for the inquiry and exchange of information to verify the validity of a presented IDP
 - Suspension or cancellation of DDP should result in an automatic cancellation of the IDP (not presently facilitated by the current system)
 - Paper booklets don't tap into the benefits of today's digital age.
- 2. Non Contracting Parties issuing IDPs
- 3. Inconsistent standing/status and form of IDPs depending on whether it is issued per the 1949 or 1968 Convention
 - 1949: standalone legal document, text only, no pictograms
 - 1968: needs to be accompanied by DDP, pictograms



Decisions at WP.1's 81st session

- 16. WP.1 expressed its appreciation to the informal group of experts for their continued work and the extensive amendment proposal. Following a lengthy discussion on the amalgamated approach (as summarized in the first four bullet points in paragraph 2 of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1/Rev.3) and in particular, whether this included a standalone IDP, it was noted that the proposal for a standalone IDP was not supported by some contracting parties.
- 17. WP.1 requested that the informal group reflect on the discussion at this session and return to WP.1 in March 2020 with a concrete proposal how to proceed. If deemed useful, the informal group may, instead, develop a simplified proposal amendment that suggests options for minimum security features for the current system of DDPs and IDPs under the 1968 Convention (without the amalgamated approach), as well as any improvements to the current system or permits. To facilitate the above, the Chair invited WP.1 delegates to provide comments to the informal group of experts.

WP.1 requested a simplified proposal amendment from the informal group of experts with options for minimum security features under the current system of DDPs and IDPs (without the amalgamated approach).



Decisions at WP.1's 81st session (cont'd)

- 18. The Chair also invited the informal group of experts to consider the "set of principles" contained in paragraph 46 of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1/Rev.1 (as extracted in page 3 of Informal document No. 7) to bridge the differences between the 1949 and 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic which could also be used as a reference for a future amendment proposal to the 1968 Convention.
- 19. During the discussion, the secretariat suggested WP.1 to consider using the table entitled 'Prevailing Convention for the issue/use of DDPs and IDPs' (Table 6, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/1/Rev.1) to provide guidance in this regard. WP.1 agreed on the relevance of the table and requested the secretariat to compile a document (based on the table containing the text) for a guidance note or brochure.

A brochure on the Prevailing Convention for the issue/use of Domestic Driving Permits (DDPs) and International Driving Permits (IDPs) was endorsed by WP.1 at its eighty-second session in March 2021:

https://unece.org/transport/documents/2022/12/prevailing-convention-issueuse-domestic-driving-permits-and

WP.1's discussions between March 2021 to Sept 2023



82nd session: WP.1 reiterated its 81st session request and endorsed the brochure on the prevailing Convention for the issue/use of DDPs and IDPs.

83rd to 84th sessions: No submission received from the informal group of experts.

85th session: ISO prepared Informal document No. 6. and WP.1 requested that it be submitted as a formal document for the 86th session with a view to reviewing it paragraph by paragraph.

86th and 87th sessions: In March 2023, ISO submitted a paper (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/1) which sought to harmonise the vehicle categories and align the format and security features of the domestic driving permit and international driving permit with international best practice. In Sept 2023, WP.1 continued discussing using a revised version (Informal doc No. 14).

For this session, the informal group has submitted Informal document No. 6 for WP.1's use in continuing its discussions.



Suggestions by the WP.1 secretariat

- 1. (Now/ongoing if relevant) Use the Brochure on the Prevailing Convention for the issue/use of DDPs and IDPs.
- 2. (Now/immediate future/minimum action) 1968 Convention: update to improve security of driving permits being issued, and to reduce fraud
- 3. (Future/strategic) 1968 Convention: policy discussion leading to amendment proposal to update present system of driver licensing systems especially the skills and capabilities which human drivers will need to to obtain a driving permit to operate increasingly automated vehicles. In addition, WP.1 should keep abreast of developments in digital driving permits and if, at some point, the Convention should be amended for this.
- 4. (Future/strategic) 1949 Convention: we know that this is very difficult to amend, so it's worth considering the following alternatives:
 - a) (non-binding) new chapter in RE.1 on driving permits
 - (binding) a Protocol to 1949 Convention for interested 1949 CPs on the matter of driving permits in general, or specifically to deal with the recognition of driving permits issued under the 1968 Convention
 - c) Other possibilities not foreseen presently, depending on when this matter is considered in the future



Thank you

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