

On the harmonization of the requirements of the UN Regulations and ADR

1. At the 115th session of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15), document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/2024/6 from the United Kingdom was presented, containing proposals to clarify the requirements of section 9.7.6. of Annex B to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods (ADR) with regard to the protection of vehicles from the rear and the prescribed minimum the distance between the rear of the tank and the rear of the bumper. The discussion of the proposals will continue at the next session of WP.15 on the basis of a revised document to be submitted by the United Kingdom (report of the 115th session of WP.15 – document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/267, paragraphs 49-51).

2. At the same time, rear protection devices and their installation on vehicles are regulated by UN Regulation No. 58 within the framework of the 1958 Geneva Agreement and are under the responsibility of the WP.29 Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG).

3. GRSG has not discussed the proposals that are being considered at WP.15. Meanwhile, the adoption by WP.15 of technical requirements for ADR that may conflict with UN Regulation No. 58 is not out of the question.

4. In this regard, the Russian Federation considers it appropriate that WP.29 would instruct GRSG to review the proposals for rear protection devices that WP.15 has been considering and to send its conclusion to WP.15, containing, if necessary, comments aimed at harmonizing UN Regulation No. 58 and Annex B to ADR.

5. The Russian Federation believes it is necessary to enhance the coordination of WP.29 and WP.15 in addressing the corresponding issues on their agendas.
