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Amendment proposals to "Protocol on Road Markings, additional to the European Agreement Supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals"

Revision

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This document contains amendment proposals to the "Protocol on Road Markings, additional to the European Agreement Supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals" as agreed at the March 2024 session of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) (para. 26, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/187). The document also contains the text of a provision informing Contracting Parties about a 15-year transitional period (as per para. 27 and Annex, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/187). Finally, an explanatory memorandum is also included. WP.1 will be invited to adopt this document.

Amendments to the 1973 Protocol on Road Markings, Additional to the European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals:

Contracting Parties undertake to replace, within 15 years from the date of entry into force of this amendment in their territories, any marking which does not conform to those prescribed in this amendment. During this period, in order to familiarize road users with the markings prescribed in this amendment, previous markings may be retained beside those prescribed in this amendment.

I. Protocol on Road Markings, additional to the European Agreement Supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals (Articles 1-13)

- 1. Replace "annex" with "Annex" in Articles 1 and Article 6 paragraph 7 (three times).
- 2. Replace "article" with "Article" in Article 2 paragraph 3, Article 3 paragraph 2, Article 4 paragraph 3 (three times), Article 6 paragraph 1, paragraph 2 (a) (twice), and paragraph 3 (three times), paragraph 4 (twice), paragraph 6 (twice), paragraph 7, paragraph 8, Article 9 paragraph 2, Article 11 paragraph 1 (twice), paragraph 2, paragraph 4 (referring to "Article 2"), paragraph 6, Article 12 (8 times), Article 13.

II. Protocol on Road Markings, additional to the European Agreement Supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals (Annex)

- 3. Replace "annex" with "Annex" in Annex of the Protocol on Road Markings in points 1, 2 and 7.
- 4. In point 7 (heading), replace "Ad Annex 8" with "Ad Annex 2".
- 5. In point 7, under "Paragraph 6", replace "This paragraph shall read as follows:" with: "Additional sentence to be inserted at the end of this paragraph. This sentence shall read as follows:".
- 6. In point 7, under "<u>Paragraph 11</u>", replace "If the additional subparagraph inserted after Article 26, paragraph 2 (b), of the Convention is applied, each edge of the reversible lane (s) may be marked by a double broken warning line used in conformity with Article 26, paragraph 2 (a) (ii), of the Convention (diagrams A-5 and A-6)." with:
- "If Article 26, paragraph 2 (c), of the Convention is applied, each edge of the reversible lane (s) may be marked by a double broken warning line used in conformity with Article 26, paragraph 2 (a) (ii), of the Convention (diagrams A-5 and A-6).".
- 7. In point 7, after "Paragraph 27", "F. Guidelines for turning vehicles", insert:
- "This heading shall read as follows: "F. Guide lines and arrows at intersections".
- 8. <u>Replace heading "Ad Annex 8 to the Convention</u> (Road markings) <u>Chapter III</u> (Transverse markings)" with:
- "Ad Annex 2 to the Convention (Road markings) Chapter III (Transverse markings)".
- 9. In point 9 (heading), replace "Ad Annex 8 to the Convention (Road markings)-Chapter IV (Other marking)" with:
- "Ad Annex 2 to the Convention (Road markings) Chapter IV (Other markings)"
- 10. In point 9, after "A. Arrow Markings", insert:
- "This heading shall read as follows: "A. Lane selection arrow markings".

Explanatory memorandum

This document (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/4/Rev.1) contains the text of proposed amendments to the "Protocol on Road Markings, additional to the European Agreement Supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals" as agreed at the March 2024 session of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) (para. 26, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/187).

In addition, this document also contains the text of a provision informing Contracting Parties about a 15-year transitional period (as per para. 27 and Annex, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/187). Specifically, Contracting Parties Contracting Parties undertake to replace, within 15 years from the date of entry into force of this amendment in their territories, any marking which does not conform to those prescribed in this amendment. During this period, in order to familiarize road users with the markings prescribed in this amendment, previous markings may be retained beside those prescribed in this amendment.

The amendment proposals - contained in this document - originate in the final report of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/4) and corresponding amendment proposals (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/5).

The Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals was established in 2013 (TRANS/WP.1/2013/2/Rev.1) and it met for the first time in 2014 (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/1). In general, the Group was created to provide an international discussion platform to review the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals and the 1971 European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals. The Group also had an opportunity to review the Protocol on Road Markings, Additional to the European Agreement Supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals. The final report of the Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/4, Rev.1 and Rev.2 provide detailed explanations on the changes proposed in this document.