

Requirements for the Driver

Input provided during the June/July 2024 intersessional activity:

- Some interpret that the requirement for a driver under both Conventions means that the driver must be a legal person.
- Some interpret that the driver has to be a natural person (a human) while others consider it can be a company.
- Countries with the two interpretations have developed solutions for complying with the requirement for a driver under domestic legislation, to enable AV deployment.
- Some pointed out that a human designated as driver does not necessarily hold the responsibility for the DDT when an automated driving system is engaged.

Input added on 27 August 2024:

In addition to the above:

- Some reported that in their Country, the *current* interpretation of the term “driver” in the Road Traffic Conventions is that it is a natural person.
- Some reported that, in the context of ADS in traffic, the driver duties related to performing the DDT are performed/fulfilled by the ADS.