

Brief notes on the 64th WP.1 session

Agenda item 5. (a)

Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic (1968) and Vehicle Technical Regulations

NOTE: A report to GRE on the 63rd WP.1 session is available as informal document GRE-67-20

NOTE from the Secretariat: The WP.1 documents mentioned below can be found under:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/roadsafe/wp12012.html>

1 – Driver Assistance Systems (DAS)

Documents

WP.1/2012/8 (Small informal group)

Informal document 5 (64.) (Russian Federation)

As a follow-up of the discussion at the 63rd WP.1 session the small group of experts had prepared a set of new proposals and possible decisions by WP.1 (WP.1/2012/8). WP.1 proceeded to a reading of this document, in particular the proposal to amend **Article 8 paragraph 5 of the Vienna Convention**, which addresses driver assistance systems. It was agreed that informal document 5 (64.) would be considered at a later date.

Item (a) was amended to read as follows:

“(a) their purpose is to optimize, at a technical level, driver-initiated actions.”

As regards item (c) in paragraph 5 it was noted that the small group intended to cover speed limiting devices (e.g. as covered by UN-Regulation No. 89); the text was amended to read:

“(c) or, whenever the intervention of these systems is consistent with the expected operation of a motor vehicle”

Conflicting views were raised concerning item (d) and the following sentence (“Nevertheless...”). These provisions cover the overriding and switching off of systems as a characteristic and as an action by the driver. Several delegations were in favour of deleting both, others proposed to maintain item (d) and delete the next sentence. It was noted that items (a) to (d) refer to the design of the systems, whereas the sentence “Nevertheless...” constitutes an obligation to the driver when using systems which can be overridden or switched off, but puts a high responsibility on the driver.

As it was not possible to obtain a consensus it was agreed to

- invite the small group to re-examine the issue and
- continue the discussion at the 65th session (18-20 March 2013).

2 – Proposals on lighting and light-signalling

Documents

WP.1/2011/4 (Secretariat, based on WP.29/2011/47)

Informal document 5 (63.) (Germany)

Informal document 5 (63.)/Add.1 (Germany), distributed as a paper during the session

Informal document 2 (64.) (LASER Europe)

WP.1 continued the reading of the proposals submitted by Germany on behalf of WP.29/GRE. Decisions and remarks are noted below.

Article 32

Para. 14

Amend to read:

*“(a) Displaying a blue **or red** light”*

*“(b) Displaying an amber light may be used only when the vehicles **are** genuinely assigned...”*

Annex 5

Definitions

WP.1 noted the need to have coherence between the technical provisions in Annex 5 and the rules on the use of lamps.

It was also agreed that the consolidated text established as a consequence of the discussions would be given a second and final reading by WP.1.

“Rear-end collision alert signal”

Delete the text in square brackets and the square brackets.

“Front fog lamp”

Delete “dense”

Align to Article 32 par. 4, to read :

“Fog lamps may be lit only in fog or any similar conditions of reduced visibility, and...”

“Parking lamp”

Amend to read:

“...used to draw attention to the presence of a stationary vehicle; it may replace the front and rear position lamps.”

“Hazard warning signal”

Amend to read:

“...indicator lamps to warn other road users of a particular danger.”

“Manoeuvring lamp” (from Informal document 5 (63.)

This was to be inserted after “Reversing lamp”. However, discussion was rendered difficult by the fact that the Secretariat had not distributed informal document 5 (63.) with an official symbol for the 64th session; it was also necessary to explain in detail the technical aspects for optional additional reversing lamps and manoeuvring lamps.

Due to constraints of time, reading of Annex 5 was suspended at this point. The secretariat was instructed to prepare for the next session a consolidated text as document WP.1/2011/4 Rev.1 which would include

- WP.1/2011/4
- informal document 2 (64.)
- informal document 5 (63.)
- informal document 5 (63.)/Add.1

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