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Revision 3 of the 1958 Agreement

Revision 3 of the 1958 Agreement — questions and answers

Revision

Note by the secretariat*

The text reproduced below was prepared in accordance with the decision of the 178th session of WP.29 session, endorsing an amendment of the “Revision 3 of the 1958 Agreement – questions and answers” document to address the execution of tasks concerning duties stipulated by the 1958 Agreement, possibly by a ‘Technical Secretariat’ (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1147, para. 81).

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2018–2019 (ECE/TRANS/274, para. 123 and ECE/TRANS/2018/21/Add.1, Cluster 3.1), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update UN regulations to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

This document proposes an additional question and answer Q&A No. 22 to ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2017/131 concerning questions and answers on Revision 3 of the 1958 Agreement to clarify how the provisions of the 1958 Agreement may be implemented by a Contracting Party (with reference to Articles 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the 1958 Agreement).

In the List of Questions, insert a new question Q22, to read:

"Q22 How does a Contracting Party implement the provisions of the 1958 Agreement?"

In the Table A. Revision 3 of the 1958 Agreement — questions and answers, insert a new Q&A No. 22, to read (see next page):

"A. Revision 3 of the 1958 Agreement - Question and Answer (Q&A)

Q&A number:

Q22 How does a Contracting Party implement the provisions of the 1958 Agreement?

A22 For the purpose of implementation of the provisions of the 1958 Agreement a Contracting Party designates a competent entity (ministry, governmental agency, research institute or other organization) to act as the approval authority of that Contracting Party.

The duties and responsibilities of approval authorities are stipulated in Articles 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the 1958 Agreement and the attached Schedules.

In order to perform all the duties stipulated by the 1958 Agreement (e.g. administration of the document production and flow, the electronic exchange of information required by the 1958 Agreement, communications with the newly established electronic platforms including the secure internet database referred to in Schedule 5 to the 1958 Agreement, etc.) properly and completely, an approval authority may delegate execution of tasks to another competent organization acting as the technical secretariat supporting that approval authority and methodologically ensuring its activities.”
