

Concern about the transitional provisions of the amendment to UN Regulation No. 79 for all vehicles

I. Introduction

1. Japan shows its respect to all Contracting Parties which have worked so hard on the activities of ACSF to approve 1st step of amendment to UN R79 at a last session of GRRF in January.
2. Since it took almost one and a half years to develop the draft of amendment, it is very important to introduce it smoothly for widespread application of safe automatically commanded steering function.
3. Now, the informal document WP.29-171-06 is submitted to WP.29 by GRRF to propose to set the effective time of the amendment to UN Regulation No.79 for all vehicles as 2021 or 2024 and we recognize that the transitional provisions are matters to discuss in future ad-hoc group as we concluded at the last session of GRRF and this ad-hoc group has not been held yet.
4. There are some concerns about the influence for existing models which are beneficial for safety aspect currently but are needed to modify to comply with the amendment to the UN Regulation No.79. We should take such cost effectiveness into consideration to determine the effective time for all vehicles at expert level.
5. Based on these facts, Japan basically support the amendment proposals of UN Regulation No.79 but cannot finalize the effective time for all vehicles of WP.29-171-06 at this session of WP.29. We would like to propose to send ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2017/10 and WP.29-171-06 with the proposals of this document to this session of AC.1 for voting and to hold a meeting to discuss the matter of the transitional provisions for all vehicles carefully before the June's session of WP.29.

II. Proposals for amendments to WP.29-171-06

Paragraph 12.3., amend to read;

12.3 As from 1 April [2021/2024]**1**, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not be obliged to accept, for the purpose of national or regional type approval, a vehicle type approved to the preceding series of amendments to this Regulation.

1. This date shall be assessed at 172nd session of WP.29.