

DRAFT REPORT OF THE 41st SESSION OF THE IWG ON DETA

Date: Monday 14 June 2021
Venue: abbreviated virtual meeting
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Agenda

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda.
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1. Adoption of the provisional agenda.

Document DETA-41-01e. The agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of the draft minutes of the IWG on DETA 40th and subgroup on UI session.

Documents DETA-41-02e and DETA-41-03e.
The draft minutes were approved.

3. State of play.

The Chair explained that the DETA system is working well and stable because no complaints or questions had been received. Thirty-one contracting parties notified a focal point to access the system. About 8,500 approvals have been uploaded. 5,400 Manufacturers are uploaded and could be selected by the approval authorities. Thirteen manufacturers have access to their own approvals in DETA.

The Chair then informed the IWG that WP.29 agreed, during its March session, with the proposal to provide access to DETA to market surveillance authorities subject to respecting confidentiality and intellectual property. WP.29 also invited the IWG to develop the proposal related to the DETA summary documents on Unique Identifier (UI) marking.

The IWG Secretary explained the result of the 20 April subgroup on UI session that focused on issues raised previously by ETRTO. The discussions resulted in an amended definition for 'product' in the 'guidelines document'.

The Chair continued and explained the state of play as regards the technical issues:

- two-factor authentication: still ongoing. The German KBA transferred information to the software house to verify the technical feasibility. The expert from the software house confirmed to be ready to present the options during next (November) session and requested the contracting parties to submit any relevant information on this matter;

- mass upload-functionality: the Chair informed the IWG that currently a pilot is taking place where some authorities test the functionality in the (equivalent) EU ETAES system. There are no results available yet. It is expected that the functionality can be implemented in DETA by the end of 2021. He furthermore stated that KBA is willing to finance the implementation of the mass upload-functionality in DETA.

4. Financing.

The representative from the UNECE secretariat referred to the report of WP.29's March 2021 session and recalled that there was no consensus on financing DETA through the ECE regular budget and alternative ways of contributions would need to be explored. However, later discussions potentially re-opened a possibility again for the regular budget option, in case the scope would be widened to both 58 and 98 Agreements. This would need to be clarified. At least AC.2 confirmed its willingness to organize a meeting to discuss the financing of DETA and the way to make the database more attractive to all contracting parties. Due to prioritization, this discussion had not yet been taken place at AC.2 level.

The expert from OICA suggested that the UNECE secretariat should draft a clear proposal including all financing options for the further discussions at WP.29/AC.2 level. The representative from the UNECE secretariat replied that consultations had already been launched by the Secretary of WP.29 and he advised the IWG to wait with further activities as regards the financing of DETA until the AC.2 discussion had been taken place and the results known.

As regards the financing of the UI and DoC, the Chair explained that KBA is still working on separate contracts with the software house and sponsors. KBA will get into contact bilaterally with both OICA and CITA. The expert from CITA had no new information on the financing but mentioned that the DoC module itself had been discussed in the past and may need to be rechecked. He requested the IWG to investigate what DETA can do on top of what DETA is doing currently.

5. UI Marking.

The IWG Secretary explained that the proposal from the SLR group on summary documents had been discussed during previous sessions and would need to be further developed. The SLR group submitted an updated document to clarify the proposal. Further discussion on the UI took place during the subgroup on UI session and resulted in an amended definition for 'product' for the 'guidelines document'.

The expert from lighting industry, on behalf of the GRE SLR group, presented document DETA-41-06. This presentation is a simplified version of document DETA-SG-UI-02e rev1 that clarified that essential information is not visible on the product anymore when the UI marking is used instead of the traditional approval marking. To ensure that all the information currently being available by the traditional marking, will also be available when the UI marking is used, the SLR group proposed to create a new 'summary document' in DETA. A proposal on such a summary document is included in document DETA-41-06. It includes an example showing the UI marking as well as the traditional UNECE approval marking. Photos or drawings of the part are not included, in accordance with the confidentiality concerns raised previously by OICA. The expert continued to explain that this proposal is a minimum and each GR should decide on the content and on the UN regulations to which it applies. A new user group 'public' shall be added to DETA to ensure the public access to the summary documents.

The expert from OICA supported the proposed example, especially as regards the deletion of photos and drawings. According to the expert from the software house only configuration would be involved and costs are only for developing a separate web-solution for the public access to the summary documents in DETA. Information on costs and timing had already been shared with the KBA.

The expert from CITA reiterates its earlier statement that PTI is not to be considered as being at the same level as public.

The representative from the Russian Federation (not present at the meeting) expressed support to the SLR proposal in writing before the meeting.

It was then decided that the representative from the SLR group amends the presentation, including relevant comments made at the meeting. It will then be shared with the IWG for short examination. Once the content is agreed, it will be presented to each GR. The IWG Secretary will get into contact with some of the IWG delegates to request them to act as 'ambassador' and to present the proposal, on behalf of the IWG on DETA, to 'their' GR.

The expert from ETRTO then explained the result of the internal review of the definition of 'product' as included in the guidelines document (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2019/77). Some earlier suggested text amendments are now withdrawn. What remains is only what had also been agreed by the 20 April subgroup on UI session, as follows:

"For the purpose of Unique Identifier, a product is a physical object, or a group of physical objects consisting of one or more approved systems, components, equipment or parts and is identified by a single type approval number or by a unique combination of sections 1 and 3, plus the regulation number specified in section 2 of type approval number(s), as is typically for lamp units."

The IWG Secretary added this does not change the content and only concerns an improvement/correction.

6. AOB.

a) ETRTO proposal for partitioning of documents and file names in DETA.

The expert from ETRTO presented document DETA-41-08. This document was submitted during the meeting and concerned an updated version of DETA-39-05e. By this document ETRTO requested:

- the partitioning of documents ('CERT', 'IF', 'TR') depending on the various tyre regulations;
- amending the certificate file name structure so as to include the revision number and to include a suffix that is referring to the particular stages for rolling sound, resistance and wet adhesion;
- the introduction of electronic signature/stamping on each document part by the approval authorities.

The IWG's Chair and Secretary pointed out the IT constraints. This will need to be automated to prevent additional burden for the approval authorities. According to the expert from the software house, it is possible to implement in DETA by configuration.

The Chair decided to put it on the agenda for next session and requested the approval authorities to review it internally.

b) Grouping of items in the DETA ‘news’ section.

The IWG Secretary explained that the news section include potentially information by authorities on issues related to non-CoP, market surveillance, withdrawn certificates and cyber security certification. It could be considered to group the various subjects and to amend the news section in DETA accordingly.

Development costs are involved.

The Chair explained that only a few items had yet been shared by this news section and that it is possible to distinguish the message subject from its title. For reasons of prioritization, this item will be considered later.

c) Q&A’s on DETA and UI.

The IWG Secretary explained that drafting Q&A’s had been attempted in the past but yet without result. The expert from OICA then drew attention to document DETA-35-10 on the UI. The Chair acknowledged the importance of these Q&A’s, including for promotional means, but questioned the importance in terms of prioritization. The expert from OICA mentioned that OICA delivered some input on the first draft earlier. OICA now offered to review it again and to submit an updated version to the group to serve as starting document for further discussions within the IWG. The Chair welcomed this suggestion.

d) IWG mandate.

WP.29 will, at its June session, be requested by the IWG on DETA to extend the mandate by 2 years as it expires this month.

7. Report to WP.29.

Status report DETA-41-07e was amended during the meeting as DETA-41-07e rev1 and includes:

- information to WP.29 on the state of play;
- informing WP.29 on the way forward as regards the DETA summary documents on UI marking;
- requesting WP.29 to extend the IWG’s mandate by two years;
- requesting WP.29 to endorse the proposed amended product definition.

8. Next meetings.

IWG on DETA 42nd session: virtual meeting, Wednesday 10 November 2021.
