

DRAFT REPORT OF THE 45th SESSION OF THE IWG ON DETA

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1. Adoption of the provisional agenda.

Document DETA-45-01e. On request of the expert from ETRTO, agenda item 6 was moved to after item 2. With this change the agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of the draft minutes of the IWG on DETA 44th and Task Force on UI sessions.

Documents DETA-45-02e, DETA 44-05e_rev1 DETA-45-03e. The draft minutes were approved.

6. Proposal ETRTO for partitioning of documents and file names in DETA.

The expert from ETRTO introduced document DETA-43-06e and explained there is a lack of consistency of the information contained in the tyre documents in DETA. This impacts the information that could be retrieved by users accessing these documents depending on their access rights. Therefore, ETRTO proposed to harmonize the information content and structure of the document parts. E.g., the tyre sizes list and stud models list should be part of the communication form in the document part 'CERT'.

The IWG Secretary questioned whether it is not preferred to rather explain in the UN regulations that these lists must be part of the communication form to ensure the approval authorities will include it in that document part. But according to ETRTO this is already stipulated in the regulations.

The IWG Secretary also expressed concern that ETRTO's proposal could mean that these lists may need to be separate files submitted by the OEMs and then added to the communication forms by the approval authorities. If this cannot be done by automated means, additional burden for the authorities may be expected. The Chair added that currently authorities often reference from the certificates to the information documents for this kind of information.

It was not clear for the IWG how this information is currently uploaded to DETA by the approval authorities. The Chair invited the representatives from Contracting Parties to investigate this, including the consequences when the information would be uploaded as proposed by ETRTO.

The expert from ETRTO then introduced document DETA-43-06e and proposed to standardise the file name structure by including the approval number and 'CERT', 'IF' or 'TR' and revision number. According to ETRTO this would help manufacturers and authorities with their management of documents. The expert from OICA acting as GRPE ambassador asked whether this would be foreseen for all approvals or only for tyres and pointed to the complexity with emission approval numbers with different levels of stringency.

The representatives from several Contracting Parties expressed concern that additional burden is expected as these names cannot be allocated to files by automated means. Also, mistakes can be expected when aiming for harmonized naming. The representative from the UK further explained that documents can

already be identified by their attributes in DETA. The Chair concluded that there was no support for the proposal and that group had other priorities, so it was not the right time to discuss this proposal further.

3. State of play.

The Chair laid out the current state of play, noting that fifteen authorities uploaded in total 31,400 approvals and thirty-five Contracting Parties notified a focal point to access the system. About 5,690 manufacturers are uploaded and fourteen manufacturers have access to their own approvals in DETA. The Chair then updated the IWG on the technical developments as regards:

- mass upload-functionality: the functionality is implemented since August. Three authorities are currently testing it;
- two-factor authentication: The German KBA is still having internal discussions. Also, it needs to be clarified who will finance the development and implementation.

As regard the mass-upload functionality the IWG decided to invite WP.29 to request the Contracting Parties to start the preparations within their organizations on implementing the automated upload functionality in order to automatically upload all their UNECE approvals. The expert from the software house explained that a test environment was prepared by which the authorities can first test the functionality. The Administrator of DETA can be contacted in case of questions.

As regards the two-factor authentication the expert from the software house suggested to use a cell phone app solution as this is proven technology. He offered to prepare some more information for next session. On request of the Chair, the IWG confirmed that the two-factor authentication is necessary to ensure security.

Concerning financing, the UNECE Secretariat confirmed that there was no new information available on the financing of DETA by UNECE.

On financing of the UI, the Chair explained that the contract was ready to be signed but first the open issues on the UI specifications must be resolved. The experts from OICA and ETRTO reiterated their agreement for the financing of this functionality and confirmed that their own reserved budget could be moved to next year. The situation for ACEA and CLEPA however needs to be confirmed.

Finally, the Chair informed the IWG that WP.29 during its 187th session shared different views as regards whether the UI marking may always be applied in case it is not prohibited by a UN Regulation. WP.29 agreed that further work on uniform application of the UI marking was needed within the IWG on DETA. WP.29 could not provide a final answer to the question raised by the IWG on DETA related to the access to DETA by technical services. This question will be raised again during WP.29's 188th session.

The IWG discussed that for some UN Regulations the UI marking must be prohibited and that for others, like regulations on lighting systems, it would be beneficial. However, for most of the UN Regulations there would be no added value. The IWG Secretary and expert from CITA questioned whether the UI marking for these UN Regulations should not be discouraged and a discussion initiated to clarify this in the Schedule of the 1958 Agreement Revision. The expert from OICA acting as GRPE ambassador held the opinion that the UI marking may have no added value for particular UN Regulations but has when one UI marking clusters multiple markings to different UN Regulations. The IWG then took note of the results of the discussions at GRSP and GRSG and proposals by CLEPA, including on added value. The UNECE Secretariat proposed to focus on the uniform application across the Contracting Parties and UN Regulations instead of trying to reach consensus on the potential added value of UI. He added that the 1958 Agreement allows to prohibit the use of UI and would allow to specify provisions for the sake of uniform implementation. He then presented a proposal to be circulated to WP.29 subsidiary bodies for doing an inventory on the UN Regulations under their purview that must be reviewed to provide clarity on the UI marking to support a uniform implementation across the UN Regulations and the Contracting Parties. This proposal was widely supported by the IWG. The IWG amended the proposal, document DETA-45-07e. By this document it shall become clear which UN Regulations shall prohibit the use of the UI marking and for which others a) additional information is required in the approval mark, b) whether (part of) this information must remain marked on the product and c) whether a summary document would be necessary. The results will be used by the IWG on DETA to develop the UI feature in DETA. WP.29 will be invited during its 188th session to authorize the IWG on DETA to circulate document DETA-45-07e to the WP.29 subsidiary bodies.

The IWG recognized that at a later stage it would be necessary to investigate what amendments may be necessary to UN Regulations and/or potentially Schedule 5 of the 1958 Agreement.

Finally, it was discussed whether it would be helpful to hide the UI number in DETA for UN Regulations that prohibit the use of the UI marking. The expert from the software house clarified the technical feasibility and suggested that another solution could be to rather not generate the UI number. Both possibilities will be investigated further.

4. Widening of the scope of DETA.

The Chair recalled the previous discussions on broadening of the scope of DETA in relation to cyber security and access to PTI stakeholders.

The UNECE Secretariat confirmed that GRVA closed the first round of discussions on sharing information on cyber security and that there was no request to the IWG on DETA to take into consideration. The Chair concluded to close this issue for the IWG on DETA.

The IWG Secretary informed that WP.29 during its 186th session discussed the access to DETA for PTI services. He then explained that he presented document PTI-28-03 to the IWG on PTI 28th session. By this presentation the IWG on PTI was particularly asked to identify exactly the use cases, so who should get access for what purpose, and to provide justifications. The IWG on PTI would investigate this and present the results at a next meeting of the IWG on DETA. This was confirmed by the expert from CITA.

The expert from OICA questioned the need for PTI stakeholders to access information in DETA as they are currently also not using this. The expert from CITA however argued that the efficiency of PTI inspections would increase once this information could be used.

The Chair concluded to wait to discuss this matter further until the information from the IWG on PTI becomes available.

5. Unique Identifier.

The IWG took note of the results of the discussions at WP.29 subsidiary bodies as regard the UI marking.

a. Report on the Task Force on UI session.

The Secretary explained the results from the 6 September Task Force on UI session, report DETA-45-03e and clarified the main purpose was to make progress on the draft Q&A document and to discuss proposed amendments to the UI guidelines document.

b. Proposal for a Q&A on UI.

The Secretary briefly introduced the amended draft Q&A on UI, document DETA-45-04e rev1. He clarified that most changes concern clarifications and editorial improvements. One Q&A was added to explain from when the UI marking can be applied. The IWG endorsed these amendments.

The IWG decided that the document was however not ready for forwarding to WP.29 but there was a merit in pointing WP.29 delegates to the existence of this document. Therefore, a reference to this document would be included in the IWG report to WP.29.

c. Amending ‘UI guidelines document’ ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2022/62.

The Secretary clarified the results from the Task Force discussion on the UI guidelines document as included in DETA-45-05e rev1. Many changes concern corrections, clarifications, and improvements. Some unresolved issues are indicated. A new Annex II was introduced to provide clarity on the way UI numbers could be assigned to products. The IWG endorsed the proposed amendments but agreed not to forward the document to WP.29 as more work needs to be done.

d. Presentation on UI to WP.29 subsidiary bodies.

The IWG agreed to circulate document DETA-45-07e to WP.29 subsidiary bodies, if agreed by WP.29. The IWG Secretary will liaise with the IWG on DETA ‘ambassadors’ for developing an accompanying one-pager to explain the UI marking issue.

7. Report to WP.29.

The Chair provided a first draft of the status report to WP.29, document DETA-44-06e. The IWG amended the report in line with the decisions made, document DETA-44-06e.

8. AOB.

- **Access rights to DETA for technical services.**
Discussed under agenda item 4.
- **Access rights in the course of PTI.**
Discussed under agenda item 4.

9. Next meetings.

Thursday 2 March starting 10:00 at OICA, Paris.