

DRAFT REPORT OF THE 46th SESSION OF THE IWG ON DETA

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1. Adoption of the provisional agenda.

Document DETA-46-01e. The agenda was adopted as presented.

2. Approval of the draft minutes of the IWG on DETA 45th session.

Document DETA-46-02e rev1. The draft minutes were approved with an additional AOB point.

3. State of play.

The Chair laid out the current state of play, noting that fifteen authorities uploaded in total 42,000 approvals and thirty-five Contracting Parties notified a focal point to access the system. About 5,770 manufacturers are uploaded and fourteen manufacturers have access to their own approvals in DETA. Several representatives from Contracting Parties confirmed that their authorities are in the process of preparing the mass upload-functionality. Not all authorities yet split the uploaded pdf files in three separate document parts for certificate, information document and test report which is necessary for applying access rights correctly.

As regards the two-factor authentication, the expert from the software house presented an 'e-mail solution' by document DETA-46-05e. She explained that the local administrator at national level can add users with their mail addresses. This solution was, provisionally, well received by the group. The Chair requested the delegates to consider this solution carefully and to confirm next session if it can be finally supported by the authorities of the Contracting Parties.

The Chair then informed the IWG that WP.29 during its 188th session discussed the access rights to DETA by technical services and concluded that further elaborations were needed. WP.29 recommended the IWG to define criteria regarding the access to information in DETA. WP.29 also authorized the IWG on DETA to distribute informal document WP.29-188-20 to its subsidiary bodies. This concerns the questionnaire to identify the UN Regulations where additional marking information cannot be replaced by the Unique Identifier (UI) and for which summary documents may need to be developed.

Finally, the Secretary forwarded the request of the UNECE Secretariat that anyone submitting presentations and documents containing photos or drawings, to be circulated by the wiki platform, must confirm that they either hold copyright or that the documents only contain copyright-free material.

4. Financing.

The Chair explained there was no news as regards the financing and hosting of DETA by UNECE and the German KBA would, for the time being, continue to finance and host the system.

As regards the financing of the UI functionality, the expert from OICA announced that the main industry sponsor had to withdraw its offer to co-sponsor the functionality, such that the industry financing of the UI functionality is currently frozen. He explained that, over the years, several questions arose on the UI concept and the benefits now appear less obvious. He suggested to change the order and first find out how the UI concept should look like, then estimate the costs and finally look for sponsors.

The IWG generally agreed that the current UI concept is highly complex with little expected benefits.

The expert from ETRTO confirmed that ETRTO is still willing to sponsor the UI functionality.

5. Widening of the scope of DETA.

The Chair recalled the previous discussions on broadening the scope of DETA to make DETA more attractive to Contracting Parties to the 1998 and 1997 Agreement, also to potentially ensure support to the financing of DETA by the UNECE Regular Budget.

He suggested to explore to make DETA future proof by allowing e.g. automated type-approval and registration processes including the exchange of XML files. This suggestion was well received by the IWG. The expert from CITA, being member of the IWG on PTI, explained that the IWG is currently discussing the need to get access to information on DETA in the context of PTI. He expected that the IWG on PTI would have some input to the IWG on DETA during the next session.

The expert from the software house explained, by document DETA-46-06e, possibilities for the use of DETA in the context of software-updates.

6. Unique Identifier.

The Secretary recalled that the IWG asked WP.29's subsidiary bodies to identify the UN Regulations for which additional marking information cannot be replaced by the Unique Identifier and for which summary documents may need to be developed. The IWG took note of the results of the discussions at GRSP, GRPE, GRVA and GRBP by the oral report from the IWG on DETA ambassadors to these GRs. Some progress is made and more elaborations necessary during the next session of these GRs. Because of some misinterpretations, the IWG made small editorial improvements to the header of the table in the questionnaire, document DETA-45-07e_rev1. This document will be circulated to the GRs' experts.

The expert from CITA introduced document DETA-46-04e and pointed to potential problems with the current UI concept in the case of vehicle inspections. Clerical mistakes may be difficult to correct. Also, a single UI marked on a left-hand mounted front lighting devices vs. the right-hand device may cause legal uncertainty and problems during inspections. In case of the latter, the IWG discussed that this would be a typical case for which additional information, like the direction arrow, must stay marked on the product in addition to the UI marking.

The Chair concluded that more discussion is necessary during the next DETA session.

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

The expert from ETRTO again briefly introduced document DETA-43-06e and recalled that this document was presented previous session and the representatives from the authorities would provide feedback during this session. The RF representative supported ETRTO's proposal by written input before the session. The NL and UK representatives explained that their authorities still combine the certificate, information document and test report in one pdf file including the tyre sizes and stud models lists. They argued that ones the files are split in separate files, these lists must be part of the certificate document part as prescribed by the tyre regulations. The IWG agreed to this and concluded that this note in the report should serve as guidance to the authorities for future use.

8. Report to WP.29.

The Chair provided a first draft of the status report to WP.29, document DETA-46-03e. The IWG amended the report in line with the decisions made during the session, document DETA-46-03e rev1.

9. AOB.

- **Access rights to DETA for technical services.**

The IWG provisionally agreed that all technical services shall have access to certificates in DETA but no general access to information documents and test reports should be provided. A final decision on this will be taken next session. The IWG understood that manufacturers may grant access to their documents, including information documents and test reports, to technical services.

- **Q&A on UI and UI guidelines documents, DETA-45-04e rev1 and -05e rev1.**

The IWG concluded that there were currently no changes necessary.

- **Extension of the IWG mandate.**

The IWG agreed to request WP.29 to extend the IWGs mandate with 2 years.

10. Next meetings.

Hybrid session, Thursday 15 June at OICA, Paris.