

DRAFT REPORT OF THE 49th SESSION OF THE IWG ON DETA

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1. Adoption of the provisional agenda.

Document DETA-49-01e. The agenda was adopted as presented.

2. Approval of the draft minutes of the IWG on DETA 48th session.

Document DETA-49-02e_rev1. The draft minutes were approved.

3. State of play.

The Chair explained that the DETA system was working well and stable. He noted that nineteen authorities uploaded in total 62,600 approvals and thirty-seven Contracting Parties notified a focal point to access the system. About 7,000 manufacturers were uploaded.

He then informed the group that the mass-upload functionality was implemented and some Contracting Parties being in the process of implementing the functionality within their organisations. As regards the 'two-factor authentication' he explained that implementation will be done with the next DETA release which has been delayed until at least the end of 2024. The amendments to the password length (from 8 to 11 characters) and auto-logout time (from 10 minutes to 1 hour) will be implemented per 1 March. The Chair reported that WP.29 during its last session in November 2023 agreed to the suggestions from the IWG on DETA and invited GRE to reflect on the UI marking and consider it for the relevant UN Regulations taking into account all potential consequences including implementation costs and to consider alternative marking solutions. This would be further discussed under agenda item 5.

4. Widening of the scope of DETA.

The chair recalled that WP.29 requested the IWG on DETA to consider widening the scope of DETA to make it attractive to new stakeholders and for applications beyond the 1958 Agreement. The group then exchanged views on the appropriateness of sharing non-UNECE approval documentation and recall information by DETA. The representative from Australia offered to prepare some input on exchanging recall information for the next session. The chair concluded to keep it on the agenda for the next meeting.

5. Unique Identifier.

The Secretary summarised the state of play with the Unique Identifier marking. The IWG on DETA identified a number of concerns with the implementation of the UI concept. The IWG then asked all bodies subsidiary to WP.29 to screen all UN Regulations under their purview for the appropriateness of the UI marking. These bodies considered that additional marking information would potentially not be available on the product anymore and expected no benefits from the UI marking for most of the UN Regulations. Therefore, they basically agreed to a general ban of the UI marking for all UN Regulations under their

purview. This was except for GRE that considered that the UI marking would be needed for UNR65, 148, 149 and 150. During the previous session, the IWG on DETA discussed these results and concluded that this would mean that the full UI concept would still need to be developed and implemented for only these few GRE UN Regulations. The IWG and WP.29 therefore invited GRE to consider again the appropriateness and proportionality of the UI marking for the few UN Regulations concerned, especially taking into account all consequences and to consider whether alternative marking solutions, like simplified dedicated E-markings, would be more proportionate. To aid this discussion, the Secretary prepared a discussion paper for GRE, document DETA-49-03e.

The IWG on DETA agreed to forward DETA-49-03e to GRE for consideration during their next session. The Chair concluded that the IWG would wait for the results from GRE to understand if implementation of the UI would be needed or that it could be put on hold or even to consider if the whole UI concept could be deleted from the 1958 Agreement.

6. Procedure to notify a ‘Focal Point’ from technical services.

The Chair reminded the IWG that WP.29 agreed to the proposal from the IWG to give technical services access to type-approvals in DETA (only certificate document parts), but two open issues remained:

1. is the access to type-approvals to all UN Regulations or only to those in the scope of the designation,
2. how to deal with manufacturers acting as technical service.

Also the procedure for notifying and granting access rights would need to be clarified.

The IWG agreed that certificates not contain sensitive information (although certificates can be sensitive in case they are available before the products are released to the market. For this however, a “release date” for certificates is available in DETA). Also e.g. components certificates would be needed for installation purposes. The IWG also agreed that manufacturers acting as technical service shall not get general access to DETA and shall have the same status as all other manufacturers (access to own documents only).

It was furthermore understood that the focal point from the CPs shall check the request from the technical service and forward it to the DETA Administrator. In addition, for transparency reasons, the DETA Administrator would inform the UNECE Secretariat about technical services having access to DETA.

The results of all discussions were summarised in DETA-49-04_rev1. WP.29 will be requested during its 192th session to approve these conclusions and to include the amended access rights table in their report.

In addition, the IWG agreed to the importance of drawing attention to the potential confidential nature of information shared by DETA and to remind all users by way of showing a note on this when logging on to DETA. The text of this general note was drafted and included in document DETA-49-04e_rev1.

7. Implementation of DoC.

The Chair recalled that the IWVTA IWG should reconfirm the need for the DoC concept in accordance with UN Regulation 0 before working on any implementation. He claimed that UNR0 is currently hardly used and setting up the DoC functionality would be inappropriate at this stage. The Chair of the IWVTA IWG agreed that more discussion would be needed. The representative from Australia reminded the group that the IWVTA IWG was investigating how to increase the attractiveness of Regulation 0 and suggested to combine this with an inventory on the need for the DoC. This was supported by the group.

8. Report to WP.29.

The Chair introduced a first draft of the status report to WP.29, document DETA-49-04e. The IWG amended the report in line with the decisions made during the session, document DETA-49-04e_rev1.

9. AOB.

No AOB points had been raised.

10. Next meetings.

Hybrid session on Friday 21 June 2024. Venue ACEA Brussels.