

**AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION
OF UNIFORM CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
AND RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF APPROVAL
FOR MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT AND PARTS.
DONE AT GENEVA, ON 20 MARCH 1958,
AS AMENDED ON 10 NOVEMBER 1967**

Preamble

The Contracting Parties,

Desiring to define uniform conditions that it will suffice for certain motor vehicle equipment and parts to fulfil in order to be approved in their countries, and

Desiring to facilitate the use in their countries of the equipment and parts thus approved by the competent authorities of another Contracting Party,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. The Contracting Parties shall establish, on the basis of the following paragraphs and articles, uniform conditions for the approval of motor vehicle equipment and parts and for approval markings, and shall recognize one another's approvals granted in accordance with those conditions.

For the purposes of this Agreement,

- the term 'motor vehicle equipment and parts' shall include any equipment for the protection of drivers or passengers and any equipment or part whose presence on the vehicle when the latter is in motion has a bearing on road safety;
- the term 'approval of motor vehicle equipment or parts' shall include, so far as the specific requirements to be met by a type of vehicle fitted with the equipment or parts in question are concerned, the approval of such type of vehicle fitted with that equipment or those parts.

2. If the competent authorities of at least two of the Contracting Parties agree to uniform conditions of approval for motor vehicle equipment and parts, they shall draw up a draft regulation for this equipment and these parts, indicating:

- (a) The equipment and parts concerned;
- (b) The conditions which such equipment and parts must fulfil, including the tests which they must pass; the regulations may, if need be, designate suitably equipped laboratories where acceptance tests of the types of equipment and parts submitted for approval must be carried out;
- (c) The approval markings.

3. Contracting Parties who have agreed on a draft regulation shall communicate it to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, indicating the date on which they propose that it should enter into force as a Regulation annexed to this Agreement. This date must be at least five months later than the date of their communication.

4. The Secretary-General shall communicate to the other Contracting Parties the said draft and the date on which it is proposed that it should enter into force.

5. On that date, the draft shall enter into force as a Regulation annexed to this Agreement for all Contracting Parties which have informed the Secretary-General of their acceptance of it within three months from the date of the Secre-

tary-General's communication. The Secretary-General shall notify all the Contracting Parties of the entry into force of the Regulation and shall communicate to them a list of the Contracting Parties which have accepted it.

6. Any country may, when depositing its instrument of ratification or accession, declare that it is not bound by certain Regulations then annexed to this Agreement or that it is not bound by any of them. If, at that time, the procedure laid down in paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this article is in progress for a draft regulation, the Secretary-General shall communicate such draft regulation to the new Contracting Party and the draft shall enter into force as a Regulation for the new Contracting Party only on the conditions specified in paragraph 5 of this article, the time allowed being counted from the date of the communication of the draft to that Party. The Secretary-General shall notify all the Contracting Parties of the date of such entry into force. He shall also communicate to them all declarations concerning the non-application of certain Regulations that any Contracting Party may make in accordance with the terms of this paragraph.

7. Any Contracting Party applying a Regulation may at any time notify the Secretary-General, subject to one year's notice, that its administration intends to cease applying it. Such notification shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to the other Contracting Parties.

8. Any Contracting Party not applying a Regulation may at any time notify the Secretary-General that it intends henceforth to apply it, and the Regulation will then enter into force for this Party on the sixtieth day after this notification. If this Contracting Party makes its decision to apply the Regulation subject to amendment of the latter, it shall transmit to the Secretary-General its proposed amendment, which shall be dealt with according to the procedure laid down in article 13 of this Agreement, as if it were an amendment proposed by a Contracting Party already applying the Regulation. But article 13 of this Agreement notwithstanding, the amendment, if accepted, shall enter into force on the date when the Regulation in question itself enters into force for the Contracting Party which proposed the amendment. The Secretary-General shall notify all the Contracting Parties of every entry into force of a Regulation for a new Contracting Party effected in accordance with the terms of this paragraph.

9. The Contracting Parties for which a Regulation is in force shall hereinafter be referred to as "the Contracting Parties applying a Regulation".

Article 2

Each Contracting Party applying a Regulation shall grant the approval markings described in this Regulation for the types of motor vehicle equipment and parts covered by the Regulation, provided that it is able to verify the conformity of the product with the approved type, that the samples submitted satisfy the tests and requirements specified in the Regulation and that the manufacturer, if not himself domiciled in the country where he is seeking approval, has a duly accredited representative there. Each Contracting Party applying a Regulation shall refuse the approval markings