

**REQUEST TO MODIFY THE DOCUMENT "FORMAT OF GLOBAL TECHNICAL  
REGULATIONS (GTR)" (TRANS/WP.29/883)**

Transmitted by the representative of the European Community

The Services of the European Commission recommend modifying the document "FORMAT OF GLOBAL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS (GTR)" by moving "Scope" from Section B.1. and D.1. to B.2. and D.2. as follows:

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**Justification:**

The word "scope" means in English the same as "application" in the American legal context. Having "scope" in the first section and "application" in the second has led to GTR drafts which duplicate the description of (the applicable subject matter and) vehicle categories in the first two sections. This is at best superfluous. In many cases, GTR drafts even contained contradictions between the two sections. These contradictions would have led to legal confusion if they had not been detected in time. As these potential misunderstandings are recurrent, it is recommended to reduce their likelihood by modifying the document "FORMAT OF GLOBAL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS (GTR)".

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