

GTB Report of the Status of work in the WP.29 Informal Group “DETA” Relating to Lighting and Light Signalling.

Note: These notes are intended to provide a record of the main points discussed in the context of items relating to lighting and light signalling. More information and all working documents are available on the WP29 website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/gen deta08.html>).

The DETA meetings are now held on the Monday afternoon prior to the WP29 session to enable the group to prepare and report its up-to date status.

The 8th meeting of the DETA group took place on 08 March 2010 and the 9th meeting of the DETA Group will be held on Monday 21 June 2010

1. Special “Workshop” Session

Prior to the formal DETA session a “workshop” was arranged to give the interested DETA Group members an opportunity to use the ETAES (European Type Approval Exchange System that is already being used by some European Type Approval Authorities) to enter approval data and to understand the functionality that would be available. Access to a special DETA section of the ETAES database has been granted to the members of the informal group.

From the GTB viewpoint it was concluded that without significant modification the ETAES database functionality would provide a means to satisfy the objective to simplify the marking requirements.

2. Joint OICA / GTB / IMMA Presentation to WP29

OICA, GTB and IMMA presented a “Possible approach for harmonisation of marking requirements” that would be suitable for all products and all approval and self-certification systems (This is available as WP29-150-20). As a first step the approach would provide an excellent solution to the requirement identified by GTB to simplify the approval markings.

There was a discussion relating to the numbering system that will be used to provide the entry to the database. This number will replace the current approval markings. No final decision was reached about a numbering system but one important aspect of the ETAES database is that a unique number is generated for each entry and this could provide a solution.

3. Presentation to WP.29 on the functionality of the software

The DETA Group Chairman prepared a status report for presentation to WP29 that accompanied a live on-line demonstration of the ETAES software. A copy of the status report is available as WP29-150-27.

4. Participation in a Trial of the Software

A new version (Version 3) of the ETAES software that will be able to manage the appropriate access rights and user profiles for the DETA group will be available during mid 2010. The

DETA group decided that as soon as this becomes available, a small group of type approval specialists should be formed to carry out a trial by entering data relating to vehicles and components. Offers from companies prepared to participate are requested in time so that the actual members of the group can be confirmed in the 9th meeting on 21 June. Following this, WP29 will be informed on the details of the trial.

The proposal is to attempt to enter data relating to ECE type approvals, CCC Approvals, Self Certification to FMVSS, CMVSS etc.

Concerning the question of data ownership and access, the following principles were established at the November 2009 149th WP29 session:

- (i) The chairman of DETA stated that when the data would be limited to what is mandated in the UNECE regulations the problem of the ownership would not occur in such a first step of the development of DETA.
- (ii) In addition Mr Ramos proposed that:
 - the access in the first step shall be limited to the approval authorities,
 - the development of DETA will not generate any change in the ownership of data
 - the structure of DETA must be sufficiently flexible to ensure also that data relating to the 1998 Agreement can be accommodated.

5. Action Required

5.1 OICA/GTB/ IMMA are requested to propose the format for the first page following entry into the database. This is to be presented to the 9th meeting on 21 June 2010.

5.2 As WP29 has reiterated on several occasions that the first objective is to satisfy the need to simplify the approval markings identified by GTB, it is now important that GTB participates fully in the software trial. This task will be discussed during the 109th GTB during the week of 31 May 2010.

5.3 GTB is also requested to establish an opinion concerning the numbering system to be used to replace the existing approval markings. This will also be discussed during the 109th GTB meeting.

Reference documents:

Agenda item 2 - <http://www.unece.org/trans/doc/2010/wp29/WP29-150-20e.pdf>

Agenda item 3 - <http://www.unece.org/trans/doc/2010/wp29/WP29-150-27e.pdf>