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Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG) General information

- **Participants/Address list**

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- **Next session**

- The **next (116th) session of GRSG** will be held on **~~8-12~~ 1-5 April 2019 (subject to confirmation by WP.29 in Nov. 2018)**
- The **deadline for the submission of official working documents** is **~~11~~ 5 January 2019**



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Highlights of WP.29 at its June 2018 session

WP.29 noted the request by GRSG (at its 114th session) to establish a new informal working group (IWG) on the Behaviour of the general construction of M2 and M3 vehicles in a Fire Event (**BMFE**), to be chaired by France. WP.29 gave its consent.

WP.29 and AC.3 noted the request by GRSG to extend the mandate of the IWG on Panoramic Sunroof Glazing (**PSG**) by another two years. WP.29 and AC.3 endorsed that request to extend the mandate until April 2020.

WP.29 reiterated its priorities that resulted in a main focus on vehicle automation and environmental protection. The importance of vehicle automation had been highlighted within the ITC decision No. 19 requesting WP.29 to consider establishing a dedicated GR on this topic. Thus, WP.29 considered the three options emerging from the discussions at AC.2.

Finally, WP.29 adopted the **conversion of GRRF into GRVA** and the reallocation of certain tasks such as tyres to GRB and **coupling devices to GRSG** as outlined in the first option of informal document **WP.29-175-25**. GRVA will oversee the remaining topics from GRRF and encompass activities for autonomous/automated and connected vehicles. Thus, GRVA will incorporate current activities, other than coordination, of the IWG ITS/AD. The WP.29 decision took effect immediately and would have to be confirmed by ITC in February 2019. (At its June 2018 session, WP.29 adopted a new UN Regulation on mechanical couplings for agricultural vehicles.)

Under the exchange of information on new priorities to be included in the programme of work, AC.3 endorsed the recommendation that GRSG should resume consideration on the Event Data Recorder (**EDR**) with the main objective to cover not only conventional vehicles, but especially automated/autonomous vehicles (see WP.29-175-29).



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When considering the revised **General Guideline document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1044/Rev.2**, WP.29 reiterated that the principle of the immediate application of Supplements was that Supplements should only be used for the clarification of test procedures not changing the level of stringency of the Regulation (e.g. not imposing new requirements nor for regulating new developments changing the level of stringency). Therefore, Supplements become applicable for new approvals issued after their date of entry into force. As a result, the previous practice of occasionally including new requirements in Supplements must be avoided.

However, to address the issue of several Supplements which had been identified as containing new requirements, WP.29 clarified that the General Guidelines as adopted in November 2017 apply to:

- (a) all Supplements adopted by WP.29 after the date of adoption of the General Guidelines; and
- (b) all Supplements adopted by WP.29 prior to the date of adoption of the General Guidelines with the exception, until 31 December 2019, of those amending the following UN Regulations and their corresponding series: R14.07, R16.06, R43.01, R48.04, R55.01, R83.06, R83.07, R116.00 and R121.01.

Thus, WP. 29 invited the respective GRs to **work on the necessary amendments** to the UN Regulations listed in [WP.29-175-17](#).

For more details see: [ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1139](#) and its Add.1