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Prevailing Convention for the issue/use of DDPs and IDPs issued under the 1949 and 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic

A number of contracting parties to the 1949 Convention have been issuing IDPs pursuant to the 1968 Convention despite being a contracting party to the 1949 Convention only.

Strictly speaking, this is not the correct legal approach for contracting parties to the 1949 Convention. The correct approach for them is to issue DDPs and IDPs based on Annexes 9 and 10 respectively of the 1949 Convention.

For clarity, the following table summarizes the prevailing Convention (be it the 1949 or 1968 Convention) for the issue/use of DDPs and IDPs for drivers from a country which is a contracting party to the 1949 Convention who are driving in a country which is a contracting party to the 1968 Convention, and vice-versa.

	<i>Driving in a country which is a contracting party to the 1949 Convention only</i>	<i>Driving in a country which is a contracting party to the 1968 Convention only</i>	<i>Driving in a country which is a contracting party to both the 1949 and 1968 Conventions</i>	<i>Driving in a country which is neither a contracting party to the 1949 nor the 1968 Convention</i>
Driver from a country which is a contracting party to the 1949 Convention only who is...	1949 Convention prevails.	Neither Convention prevails. If desired, a bilateral agreement between the governments of the countries is required for the mutual recognition of DDPs and IDPs may be entered into.	1949 Convention prevails.	1949 Convention is not applicable. If desired, a bilateral agreement between the governments of the countries is required for the recognition of DDPs or IDPs issued by the 1949 contracting party may be entered into.
Driver from a country which is a contracting party to the 1968 Convention only who is...	Neither Convention prevails. If desired, a bilateral agreement between the governments of the countries is required for the mutual recognition of DDPs and IDPs may be entered into.	1968 Convention prevails.	1968 Convention prevails.	1968 Convention is not applicable. If desired, a bilateral agreement between the governments of the countries is required for the recognition of DDPs or IDPs issued by the 1968 contracting party may be entered into.
Driver from a country which is a contracting party to both of the 1949 and 1968 Conventions who is...	1949 Convention prevails.	1968 Convention prevails.	1968 Convention prevails.	Neither of the 1949 nor the 1968 Convention is applicable. If desired, a bilateral agreement between the governments of the countries is required for the recognition of DDPs or IDPs issued by the 1949 and 1968 contracting party may be entered into.
Driver from a country which is neither a contracting party to the 1949 nor the 1968 Convention who is...	Neither of the 1949 nor the 1968 Convention is applicable. This country is <u>not</u> bound to be issuing DDPs or IDPs based on either Convention. This country should be encouraged to accede to either Convention, or preferably the 1968 Convention. After accession, the new contracting party should issue the appropriate DDP and IDP based on the prevailing Convention.			