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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2026/...

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**on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union
in the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations
of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
as regards the March 2026 proposals for UN regulations**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 114, in conjunction with Article 218(9), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) By Council Decision 97/836/EC¹, the Union acceded to the Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted to and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions ('Revised 1958 Agreement'). The Revised 1958 Agreement entered into force on 24 March 1998.
- (2) By Council Decision 2000/125/EC², the Union acceded to the Agreement concerning the establishing of global technical regulations for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles ('Parallel Agreement'). The Parallel Agreement entered into force on 15 February 2000.

¹ Council Decision 97/836/EC of 27 November 1997 with a view to accession by the European Community to the Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted to and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions ('Revised 1958 Agreement') (OJ L 346, 17.12.1997, p. 78, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/1997/836/oj>).

² Council Decision 2000/125/EC of 31 January 2000 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement concerning the establishing of global technical regulations for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles ('Parallel Agreement') (OJ L 35, 10.2.2000, p. 12, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2000/125/oj>).

- (3) Regulation (EU) 2018/858 of the European Parliament and of the Council³ lays down the administrative provisions and technical requirements for the type-approval and placing on the market of all new vehicles, systems, components and separate technical units. That Regulation incorporates regulations adopted under the Revised 1958 Agreement ('UN regulations') in the EU type-approval system, either as requirements for type-approval or as alternatives to Union legislation.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 1 of the Revised 1958 Agreement and Article 6 of the Parallel Agreement, the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) may adopt proposals for modifications to UN regulations, UN global technical regulations (UN GTRs) and UN resolutions, and proposals for new UN regulations, UN GTRs and UN resolutions on the approval of vehicles. Moreover, pursuant to those provisions, WP.29 may adopt proposals for authorisations to develop amendments to UN GTRs or to develop new UN GTRs, and may adopt proposals for the extension of mandates for UN GTRs.

³ Regulation (EU) 2018/858 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on the approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, amending Regulations (EC) No 715/2007 and (EC) No 595/2009 and repealing Directive 2007/46/EC (OJ L 151, 14.6.2018, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/858/oj>).

- (5) From 10 to 13 March 2026, during its 198th session, WP.29 may adopt: proposals for modifications to UN regulation Nos 10, 13, 13-H, 39, 40, 41, 48, 49, 79, 83, 107, 130, 140, 148, 149, 154, 168 and 177; a proposal for a new UN regulation on the laboratory measurement of brake emissions for light-duty vehicles; a proposal for a new UN regulation on on-board monitoring (OBM) systems, environmental vehicle passport (EVP) and in-vehicle display of environmental data; a proposal for a new UN regulation on engine fire suppression systems; a proposal for a new UN regulation on driver drowsiness and attention warning system; a proposal for a new UN regulation on advanced driver distraction warning system; and a proposal for an amendment to the consolidated resolution on the common specification of light source categories.
- (6) In order to take into account practical experience and technical developments during the type-approval process, the requirements for certain aspects or features covered by the UN resolution on the common specification of light source categories and UN regulation Nos 10, 13, 13-H, 39, 40, 41, 48, 49, 79, 83, 107, 130, 140, 148, 149, 154, 168 and 177 need to be amended or supplemented.
- (7) In order to allow for technological progress and to promote decarbonisation, new UN regulations on the laboratory measurement of brake emissions for light-duty vehicles, on OBM systems, EVP and in-vehicle display of environmental data, on engine fire suppression systems, on driver drowsiness and attention warning system, and on advanced driver distraction warning system need to be adopted.

- (8) The UN regulations will be binding on the Union. Together with the UN resolution, they will influence the content of Union legislation in the field of vehicle type-approval. Therefore, it is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf in WP.29 as regards the adoption of the proposals for those regulations,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the 198th session of the UNECE World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) to be held from 10 to 13 March 2026 shall be to vote in favour of the UN working documents listed in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

Minor technical changes to the working documents listed in the Annex to this Decision may be agreed to by the representatives of the Union in WP.29, without a further decision of the Council.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ..., ...

For the Council

The President
