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Ad-Hoc Group of Interested Experts on Accessories for Protective Helmets under UN Regulation No. 22(APH-UNREG22)

7th meeting, 11th June 2021

Videoconference from 14:00 to 16:00 CET

**Draft Minutes**

1. **Attendance**

The Ad-Hoc Group of Interested Experts on Accessories for Protective Helmets (APH-UNREG22) held its 7th meeting by videoconference the 11th June 2021, chaired by Mr. Luca Rocco (Italy). Experts from the following countries participated in the work: Netherlands, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden and USA. Experts of the following non-governmental organizations participated: Euromed.

1. **Approval of the agenda**

Before to submit the draft agenda to (APH-UNREG22), the chair resume the situation after the last 69th GRSP session of May 2021, in particular:

1. GRSP adopted ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2021/13, as amended by GRSP-69-17
to address the need of a text that can be enforced in a practical manner until specific requirements for the type approval of helmet accessories will be defined (as known as Phase 2 of the accessories solution). The GRSP Secretary was requested to submit the proposal, as draft Supplement 1 to the 06 series of amendment to UN Regulation No. 22 (Protective helmets), for consideration and vote at the November 2021 session of WP.29 and to the AC.1.
2. GRSP decided to continue working under the (APH-UNREG22)to complete the Phase 2 of the accessories solution

The Chair asked confirmation by the (APH-UNREG22) about the Chair and Secretaries proposed during the 69th GRSP and the (APH-UNREG22) agreed to elect Mr. Luca Rocco (Italy) as Chair of (APH-UNREG22) and Mr. José Maria Nacenta & Gianluca Solani as Secretaries.

The Chair asked as well for a volunteer to coChair the Group. No one accepted the invitation.

The Chair introduced the Agenda and it was adopted without changes.

1. **Working program of Ad-Hoc Group**

The group considered a proposal for the (APH-UNREG22)Terms of Reference (ToR) and agreed on the ToR as reproduced in the annex to these minutes.

Within the ToR, a meeting calendar was established.

In addition to the current meeting of 11th June 2021, the Group agreed to hold the following meetings:

1. 11th June 2021: First AHG meeting after the GRSP session in May 2021.

2. 28th June 2021 from 12.00 to 14.00 CEST.

3. 22nd July 2021 from 14.00 to 16.00 CEST

4. 2nd September 2021: At this meeting, the (APH-UNREG22)should consider a consolidated proposal for Supplement 2 to the 06 series of amendments to UN Regulation No. 22 and transmit it to GRSP as an official proposal for its consideration at its December 2021 session.

5. 21st October from 14.00 to 16.00 CEST

6. 18th November from 14.00 to 16.00 CEST

1. **Draft proposal for stage 2 for amendment to the 06 series of amendments to UN Regulation No. 22. Introduction of the latest updated document “**[**R-22\_06 Supp 2 Proposal full text working doc REV 8.docx**](https://wiki.unece.org/download/attachments/128419815/R-22_06%20Supp%202%20%20Proposal%20full%20text%20working%20doc%20REV%208.docx?version=1&modificationDate=1623258961536&api=v2)**”**

The Chair of the (APH-UNREG22) informed that, thanks to the work of the Secretaries of the Group, a new updated text with all the topics raised by the following documents:

GRSP-69-18

GRSP-69-26 and

GRSP-69-32

was already uploaded for revision and discussion by the group.

The document was introduced by Mr. Nacenta with references to the formal and informal documents submitted during the last 69th GRSP session.

Also the new topics addressed, which were not mentioned in the GRSP documents above, were highlighted.

1. **Next step and close the meeting**

The Chair invites the different CPs to carefully check the document and discuss it during the next meeting to be held on June the 28th.

**ANNEX**

**Terms of Reference for the Ad-Hoc Group of Interested Experts on Accessories for Protective Helmets under UN Regulation No. 22**

**Adopted Terms of Reference**

**for the Ad-hoc Group of Interested Experts on Accessories for Protective Helmets under UN Regulation No. 22 (Protective Helmets)**

1. **INTRODUCTION**

1 The 06 series of amendments to UN Regulation No. 22 entered into force on 3rd January 2021. Among other amendments, the new series tried to deal with the approval of accessories for protective helmets.

2. At its 68th session in December 2020, GRSP experts noted that the application of requirements for accessories to helmets needed to be improved. GRSP agreed that an Ad-Hoc Group should consider this issue and propose some amendments to improve the provisions of the UN Regulation.

3. The Ad-Hoc Group met six times before the 69th session of GRSP in May 2021. Among the outcomes on the 69th GRSP meeting was the need that a new Informal Working Group should be established to deal with some provisions to be included in the text the UN Regulation No. 22. Nevertheless, during the May 2021 session of GRSP, it was decided to continue working on the basis of the Ad-Hoc Group, (AHG) instead of requesting WP.29 to restore an Informal Working Group for Stage 2 of the amendments to the 06 series. Stage 1 of the amendments to the 06 series of amendments to UN Regulation No. 22 was completed and adopted (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2021/13) by GRSP and sent for consideration to WP.29 to its November 2021 session (see the report of the session ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/69).

4. A proposal for adoption the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the AHG, including objective, scope, operating principles, timeline and deliverables was submitted for consideration and possible adoption by the AHG at its session held on 11th June 2021 and some improvements were agreed.

5. These ToR were adopted by the AHG at its 11th June 2021 meeting.

1. **OBJECTIVE OF THE AD-HOC GROUP**

6. The objective of the AHG is to develop additional provisions for helmet’s accessories to ensure that helmets safety is not endangered by the installation of any kind of accessories. The AHG will also update/clarify existing requirements and test procedures in UN Regulation No. 22.

7. Scope of work for AHG shall define requirements and test procedures for the accessories to be installed in the aftermarket, including, but not limited to, those considered during the previous sessions of the AHG (e.g. audio-phone equipment). New Type Approval Marking System to include marking for accessories and helmets, if needed, should be established.

1. **Operating principles**

8. The AHG depends on the Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP) and is open to all participants of GRSP including contracting parties to the 1958 and 1998 Agreements as well as non-governmental organizations.

9. The Chairperson of the AHG will report to the GRSP on its activities.

10. English is the official language of the AHG.

11. All documents must be submitted to the Secretariat of the group in a suitable electronic format at least (7) working days before the meeting. The documents will be posted on the UN website at least (5) working days in advance of the meetings.

12. The Secretariat of the AHG will distribute a draft meeting minutes to all members within (15) working days after the meeting, with the view to be formally adopted at the next meeting.

13. Decisions and proposals of the AHG shall be reached by consensus or at least by a 3/5 majority. When consensus cannot be reached, the chair of the group shall present the different points of view to GRSP and seek guidance its GRSP, as appropriate.

14. Meetings shall be held in agreement with most of the participants based on the proposal by the chair of the AHG. Meetings may be in person or virtual using web-based technology.

15. A provisional agenda shall be drawn up by the AHG secretariat and put on the corresponding GRSP website. The first item of the provisional agenda for each session shall be the adoption of the agenda. The second item shall be the adoption of the minutes of the previous session followed by technical discussions and miscellaneous items.

16. The AHG elected as Chairperson Mr. Luca Rocco (Italy) and as secretaries Mr. Gianluca Solani and Mr. Jose-Maria Nacenta.

17. The AHG shall consider all the work performed in the previous sessions of the Ad-Hoc Group on the same subject.

1. **TIMELINE and DELIVERABLES**

18. The main goal of the AHG is to submit an official proposal for Supplement 2 to the 02 series of amendments to UN Regulation No.22 for consideration by GRSP at its December 2021 session.

19. The AHG agreed on having the following sessions:

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20. The sessions scheduled for October and November 2021 should be dedicated to completing the official proposal mentioned under item 4 above, if needed

21. The AGH can decide on having more meetings, if needed, to accomplish its tasks.

22. At the December 2021 session of GRSP, the chair of the AHG will report to GRSP on the AHG activities and present the proposal adopted by the AHG for consideration and possible adoption.

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