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REPORT

		Working Documents
1	Welcome and opening remarks	
1.	Mr. Loccufier, Chairman of the Informal Working Group, opened the session welcoming all the participants.	
2.	Introduction of participants and organisations	
	All participants, in person and via telephone, introduced themselves. A list of all participants is available in Annex 1 to this Report.	
3.	Adoption of the agenda	SLR-03-01-Rev.1
	The agenda was adopted with the insertion of document SLR-03-13 after item 4.	
4.	Adoption of the report of the previous session	SLR-02-08
	The Report was adopted without modifications.	
	Simplification of Regulations - analysis and way forward	SLR-03-13
	Dr. Manz introduced document SLR-03-13 providing a detailed explanation about how the simplification of the Regulations will impact on the existing texts.	
5.	Mr. Plathner pointed out that, since the group is restructuring the document, the administrative provisions could be merged together instead of having them separated in Parts A and C (see slide 5 of SLR-03-13).	
	Mr. Rovers informed to be not against, in principle, to merge all the administrative provisions together, but recommended to be careful because there are several cross links.	

Mr. Genone and Mr. Schwenkschuster observed that, if the group decides to change the structure, this shall be done at this stage and not postponed to a subsequent moment.

Mr. Puglisi recommended to prepare a good justification in either way because the discussion in GRE may lead to the same question and the group shall be able to justify its decision to keep separate, or to merge, the administrative provisions.

Mr. Pichon observed that the HRD is just a reference document and therefore there should be no need to divide it in section A, B and C because the test houses will always have a copy of the whole R-48 "Part II" in their test laboratories.

With regards to slide 6 of SLR-03-13, Mr. Kellermann pointed out that "Part II" should not have a scope as R-48 should only have one scope at the start of the document explaining the two different parts of the Regulation.

The group identified a similar case in UN Regulation No. 58, where the Regulation is divided in three parts but there is only one scope at the beginning of the document.

<u>Conclusion #1</u>: the meeting agreed to have only one scope at beginning of the document describing the two parts.

With regards to the definitions, Mr. Langhammer proposed to retain the current set of definitions in Part I because they are used by carmakers.

Mr. Genone replied that having only one definition section should not represent a problem for carmakers; on the contrary it would be convenient to have all the definitions at the same place. This position was also supported by Mr. Kellermann.

Mr. Pichon suggested to follow the same approach of Reg. 58, i.e. put the definitions common to Parts I and II together and then, for each part, its set of specific definitions.

The meeting observed that the solution adopted in Reg. 58 for handling the definitions would not be convenient for the users of this document.

<u>Conclusion #2</u>: the meeting agreed to have only one section for the definitions and this will be in the "HRD part" of the document.

Concerning the order of the two parts, Mr. Genone pointed out that it would be logic to have first the "HRD part" which is more general and then the "Part II" specific for installation. He added that in this way it would not be necessary to make references from the installation part to the HRD part located after that.

Mr. Bauckhage recalled that the title of Reg. 48 is "installation" and not "HRD" therefore if the installation specific part becomes a secondary part of the document, then the group should consider changing the title of the Regulation and this could not be simple.

Mr. Genone acknowledged that a different wording for the title would have to be found in any case, but commented that this should not be a particularly difficult task.

<u>Conclusion #3</u>: taking into account that the "HRD part" is in addition to something existing already, the meeting agreed to have first the part dealing with installation specific provisions and then the "HRD part".

The title of the Regulation will be modified accordingly, for example:

Uniform provisions concerning:

- I: the approval of vehicles with regard to the installation of lighting and light-signalling devices of an approved type
- II: common requirements for lighting and light-signalling devices

Mr. Pernkopf and Mr. Plathner asked respectively to include also retro-reflecting marking and light sources in the title. Dr. Manz pointed out that this should not be necessary as these devices should be included under the light-signalling devices, nevertheless this aspect will be verified.

With regards to the markings, Mr. Genone suggested that the examples should only be provided once in the general part. Mr. Rovers agreed with this proposal and added that, to avoid collective amendments, examples of arrangements of approval markings should only be provided in the "HRD part" of Reg. 48 and direct reference be made from the individual Regulations.

<u>Conclusion #4</u>: the meeting agreed to group all the examples of arrangements of approval markings in the "HRD part" of Reg. 48. Mr. Genone will provide to Dr. Manz a draft text of this section with a table of examples of approval marks arrangements.

Dr. Manz will update the text of Reg. 48 taking into account the decisions taken at the meeting and including the table to be provided by Mr. Genone.

<u>Conclusion #5</u>: the meeting agreed to submit to GRE-73 a package of three informal documents:

- > one presentation (based on SLR-03-13);
- ➤ an updated text of Reg. 48 divided in Part I "Installation" and "Part II" for common requirements;
- > an updated text of Reg. 7 to show what are the real benefits of the simplification work in an existing Regulation.

Mr. Loccufier drew the attention to the adopted ToR (GRE-72-20) with regards to the possibilities to merge regulations containing similar or identical provisions.

The meeting noted that the merging of the regulations might not necessarily be the best solution and this was not very clear at the time the ToR were written.

Furthermore it was observed that the Regulations intended to be merged (e.g. R-98 and R-112), should however remain separate in order to cover the existing homologations and, in some cases, the merging of Regulations could eventually cause problems in view of the IWVTA. **Conclusion #6**: the meeting agreed, for the time being, not to merge the existing Regulations and to focus the activity on the simplification of their texts. At the request of Mr. Prigent to clarify whether the motorcycles are also included in the scope of the group, Dr. Manz explained that motorcycles are not formally excluded nevertheless, for the time being, L-vehicles are not taken into account. Once the work will be completed it will be considered again how to deal with L-vehicles. Mr. Puglisi introduced the following comments provided by Mr. Gorzkowski who was unable to join the teleconference: > I would support the idea of creation of a "resolution" type document, possibly including also common administrative provision from Reg. 48 and other "installation" Regulations. For ease of reference and use of the "resolution", it could be formatted in the same order as the Regulations. The meeting noted the above comments, nevertheless it agreed to work on the existing Reg. 48 without creating a "resolution" type document. Draft proposal for common administrative provisions as part of **SLR-03-02 UN Regulation No. 48** 6. See discussion and conclusions of item 5. Draft proposals to demonstrate the application of the HRD - UN Regulation No. 4 **SLR-03-03** - UN Regulation No. 6 **SLR-03-04** - UN Regulation No. 7 **SLR-03-05** - UN Regulation No. 23 **SLR-03-06** - UN Regulation No. 38 **SLR-03-07** - UN Regulation No. 50 **SLR-03-08** - UN Regulation No. 77 **SLR-03-09** 7. - UN Regulation No. 87 **SLR-03-10** - UN Regulation No. 91 **SLR-03-11** - UN Regulation No. 119 **SLR-03-12** The meeting examined in details the draft proposal for a "simplified" version of Reg. 7 (SLR-03-05) and improved the text. Mr. Puglisi pointed out that, regardless of the simplification task, the title of Reg. 7 shall be corrected because it is not consistent with its scope. The title clearly states "(except motor cycles)" whereas L-vehicles are mentioned in the scope.

	Dr. Manz will further work on the text edited during the meeting with the aim to produce a revised document to be finalised at the next session.	
	The meeting agreed that the next Regulations to be prepared are R-3 and R-112.	
8.	Proposals for consultant(s) and funding arrangements It was agreed to keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting.	
	Next steps	
9.	Dr. Manz by the end of January will prepare the three documents for submission to GRE-73 (see above Conclusion #5) and send them to the SLR members for review.	
	At the next editorial meeting on 27 February 2015 the package will be finalised for submission to GRE-73 in due time to allow all CPs sufficient time to study the proposals.	
10	Any Other Business	
10.	No other business to discuss.	
	Next meeting(s)	
	The following meeting schedule was agreed by the group:	
11.	 F2F and teleconference editorial session on 27 February 2015 Editorial meeting (from 11:00 to 15:00 hrs) to finalise the package of informal documents to be submitted to GRE-73 (i.e. PPT presentation, R-48 and R-7). 	
	 F2F meeting on 13 April 2015 at the Palais des Nations (Room V) in Geneva (day before GRE-73) Final editing, if necessary, of the informal documents submitted to GRE-73 and progress of work with the rest of the other Regulations. 	
12.	Closure	
	The Chairman thanked all the participants for the fruitful contribution and CLEPA for the great hospitality.	
	The meeting closed at 16:35 hrs.	

Annex 1: List of Participants

In person	Via Web
Michel LOCCUFIER (BE, SLR Chairman)	Ad DE VISSER (IEC)
Davide PUGLISI (GTB, SLR Secretary)	Michael PERNKOPF (AT)
Thomas BAUCKHAGE (CLEPA)	Jean-Marc PRIGENT (CLEPA)
Valter GENONE (IT)	Yuki TSUKADA (JP)
Mariola HAUKE (CLEPA, Host)	
Gerd KELLERMANN (DE)	
Gert LANGHAMMER (CLEPA)	
Karl MANZ (DE)	
Christian PICHON (FR)	
Philipp PLATHNER (IEC)	
Derwin ROVERS (NL)	
Lukas SCHWENKSCHUSTER (CLEPA)	

Excused:

Pierre LAURENT (CLEPA)
Geoff DRAPER (GTB)
Bart TERBURG (GTB)
Johan RENDERS (EC)
Fulvio RIZZI (CLEPA)
Bernie FROST (UK)
Marcin GORZKOWSKI (ex GRE Chair)