**Discontinuation of production and effect on type approval**

SGR0, in its March 2016 meeting, discussed the issue of the discontinuation of production, and the possible effect on the type approval of the concerned vehicles. SGR0 requested OICA to come up with provisions to be possibly inserted in the "guidance document WP.20/1044 (see SGR0-20-01, action item 4).

OICA proposed to add the following text could be included somewhere in the general guidelines:

**"Discontinuation of the production of a type approved product does not entail the automatic withdrawal of the approval. As a general principle, approvals remain valid indefinitely (even though not necessarily subject to mutual recognition); as specified by Article 4 of the 1958 Agreement, approvals can be withdrawn in cases of non-conformity, but the discontinuation of the production is not a sufficient reason to revoke an approval."**

Justification: When the production of a vehicle is stopped, the approval obviously must remain valid, otherwise it would not be possible anymore to register vehicles that were legally produced shortly before the production stop.

The revised 58 Agreement mentions withdrawal of approvals only in the case of non-conformity. Finally, §2 of Schedule 5 mentions the types of document to be stored and makes a clear distinction between "notice of withdrawal of approval" and "notice of production discontinuation", again clearly indicating that these notions are independent from each other.

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