

**GRE Informal Working Group on
Simplification of the UN Lighting and Light Signalling Regulations (SLR)**

10th meeting

14 April 2016, 10:00 – 17:30

15 April 2016, 9:00 – 13:00

CLEPA Headquarters
87/B1 Boulevard Brand Whitlock, Brussels

REPORT

		Working Documents
1.	Welcome and opening remarks Mr. Loccufier, Chairman of the Informal Working Group, opened the session welcoming all the participants.	
2.	Introduction of participants and organisations A list of all participants is available in Annex 1 to this Report.	
3.	Adoption of the agenda The agenda was adopted without modifications.	SLR-10-01
4.	Approval of the report of the previous session The Report was approved without modifications.	SLR-09-06
5.	Draft presentation for 169th WP.29 session (June 2016) Mr. Puglisi informed that the presentation for the 169 th WP.29 session in June 2016 will be based on the presentation made at GRE-75 (see informal document GRE-75-05) but with less details. It was agreed to highlight the message that the WP.29 will have to handle a big package of documents at its March 2017 session in order to prepare the World Forum in advance. Mr. Puglisi will prepare the presentation for submission to WP.29. <i>Note: the SLR draft presentation for WP.29 is now available as document SLR-11-02.</i>	

Definition of question to OLA**SLR-10-04**

Mr. Draper introduced SLR-10-04 pointing out that it contains some basic assumptions which constitute the basis of the questions for OLA. An example of the structure of a new simplified Regulation is also provided to show the basic structure of the new approach.

Mr. Loccufier recalled that OLA already gave some advice on the Resolution and the procedure to amend UN Regulations (see documents WP.29-166-18 and GRE-74-15), nevertheless it would be preferable to have a clear confirmation that the principle at the basis of the new approach is in compliance with the Revision 3 of 1958 Agreement.

Concerning the possibility for the Contracting Parties to adopt the new regulations but still have the freedom to choose to adopt, or not adopt, particular devices (point No. 5 in SLR-10-04), Mr. Pichon recalled that the provisions if a device is mandatory or optional are provided in Regulation 48, therefore the presence of a device is not a problem for the new Regulations. Each Contracting Party can use R-48 partly or fully (e.g. DRL and the Japanese exemption in R-87).

Mr. Draper shared the same opinion of Mr. Pichon and added that Contracting Parties would be able to indicate which device(s), in the 3 new Regulations, they will not adopt. Moreover it should remain possible for a Contracting Party to apply the 3 new Regulations with exception of one or more of the devices included in the text.

6. The meeting also discussed alternative solutions to be used in case the Database for the Exchange of Type Approval (DETA) will become fully operational only after the adoption of the new simplified Regulations.

The participants agreed that, in principle, the simplification shall work also without the DETA.

Mr. Draper agreed to have a back-up solution but pointed out that DETA is really necessary to be implemented for the proper functioning of the simplified Regulations. He also announced to participate at the next meeting of the DETA WG in London (15 June 2016) where he will make a presentation on the simplification of approval markings through the implementation of the "DETA" database and use of the "Unique Identifier" (UI).

Mr. Loccufier expressed some concerns about the different interpretations of new series of amendments and supplements as normally both are identified as "Amendments" in the 1958 Agreement.

Mr. Pichon and Mr. Bailey commented that there is no need to ask advice to OLA on this matter because it is sufficient to follow the WP.29 General Guidelines for UN regulatory procedures and transitional provisions in UN Regulations (document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1044/Rev.1), i.e. if there are Transitional Provisions, it is a new series of amendments, without Transitional Provisions, it is a supplement.

Mr. Draper pointed out that without asking advice to OLA, there is the risk that a Contracting Party in WP.29 could raise this point again and delay the whole process. Nevertheless, he added that a similar risk exists also if we ask advice to OLA.

	<p>Mr. Lazarevic suggested to ask advice to OLA and react according to the answers but, in the meantime, the simplification work should continue with the assumption that there is no real issue.</p> <p>The meeting agreed to ask advice to OLA on the basis of points 4, 5 and 7 of SLR-10-04. The questions will be formulated providing further clarifications and better background information. Moreover it was agreed to ask OLA if the current interpretation is correct.</p> <p>Concerning DETA it was agreed that the back-up solution to manage the simplified Regulations without DETA (in case its application will be delayed) is using the same text as in Reg. 14, Par. 14.3, 14.4 and 14.5 which allows using existing type approvals of vehicles that are not affected by a new series of amendments.</p> <p><i>Note 1: the GTB presentation at the 25th DETA meeting is now available as document DETA-25-09.</i></p> <p><i>Note 2: the questions sent to OLA are available as document SLR-11-03.</i></p>	
7.	<p>Review of the ToR for WP.29 ratification</p> <p>Mr. Puglisi introduced SLR-10-03 pointing out that the contents of the ToR are still valid and do not need to be changed. He explained that only the time schedule needs to be updated by postponing the dates of 2 years as indicated in section IV.</p> <p>Even if the European Commission has not been active so far, taking into account the recent commitment of Mr. Lazarevic, it was agreed to keep the Vice-Chair position assigned to the EC as indicated in section III.</p> <p>The revised ToR will be posted on the SLR website.</p>	SLR-10-03
8.	<p>Draft text of the new UN Regulations - Draft New UN Regulation on Light Signalling Devices</p> <p>The participants resumed the examination line-by-line of the draft text of the new UN Regulation on Light Signalling Devices. Several comments and improvements have been made but, for lack of time, it was not possible to complete the review of the whole document.</p> <p>It was agreed to resume the consideration of SLR-09-05 from Par. 4.8.4. "Colour of light emitted" onwards.</p>	SLR-09-05
9.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Mr. Bauckhage presented a draft document showing how the current Regulations would be merged in order to clearly understand what Regulations under the direct responsibility of GRE will be frozen at the end of the Phase 1 of the simplification.</p> <p>The participants further improved this document during the meeting and recognised that it represents a useful tool for the SLR to estimate the workload associated to the development of each of the new Regulations.</p> <p>It was observed that not all lighting Regulations will be affected by the simplification process during the Phase 1. Among those to be simplified, the SLR discussed about the opportunity to include also R-50 and R-113.</p>	

	<p>The SLR agreed to include, for the time being, R-50 and R-113 in the simplification package. IMMA will be contacted to know its opinion on this matter.</p> <p><i>Note: the document discussed by the SLR is now available as SLR-11-04.</i></p>	
10.	<p>Next meeting(s)</p> <p>The following meeting schedule was confirmed by the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 11th IWG SLR meeting – Brussels on 9-10 June 2016 <p>With the aim of increasing the involvement of more Contracting Parties currently not participating in the SLR work, Mr. Lazarevic recommended to hold a meeting in Japan before GRE-76.</p> <p>The meeting acknowledged that certainly the SLR needs the Japanese input but, in general, it was recognized that the real interest, also for China and other important CPs, is for the Phase 2 of the simplification while the current activity is mainly editorial.</p> <p>It was agreed that Mr. Loccufier will contact the Japanese representatives to verify if they have the possibility to host a SLR meeting in the first week of October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 12th IWG SLR meeting – Tokyo (Geneva or Brussels as back-up solutions) in the week from 3 to 7 October 2016 	
11.	<p>Closure</p> <p>The Chairman thanked all the participants for their fruitful contribution and closed the meeting.</p>	

Annex 1 to SLR-10-06

Participation at 10th SLR meeting 14-15 April 2016

IN PERSON	WEBEX/TELEPHONE
Gert LANGHAMMER (CLEPA)	Geoff DRAPER (GTB) – <i>Only on 14 April a.m.</i>
Derwin ROVERS (NL)	Phil BAILEY (UK)
Jean-Marc PRIGENT (CLEPA)	Lukas SCHWENKSCHUSTER (GTB) – <i>From 14 April p.m.</i>
Davide PUGLISI (GTB, SLR Secr.)	
Michel LOCCUFIER (BE, SLR Chair)	
Antoine PAMART (FR)	
Christian PICHON (FR)	
Beny GRIGORESCU (GTB)	
Françoise SILVANI (OICA) – <i>From 14 April p.m.</i>	
Thomas BAUCKHAGE (CLEPA)	
Aleksander LAZAREVIC (EC)	

Apologies from:

Mr. Rainer KRAUTSCHEID (DE)

Mr. Ad DE VISSER (IEC)

Mr. Karl MANZ (DE)

Mrs. Kiyomi SAKUMA (JP)

Mr. Roman KAFLINSKI (CLEPA)

Mr. Marcin GORZKOWSKI (CA)