

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

15th meeting

21 February 2017, 10:00 – 17:30

22 February 2017, 9:00 – 17:30

23 February 2017, 9:00 – 12:30

New CLEPA Headquarters
Cours Saint-Michel 30g, 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-15-05
4.	Approval of the reports of the previous sessions - Report 14 th meeting - Brussels, 5-7 December 2016 - Report 13 th meeting - Brussels, 5-7 October 2016 - Report 12 th meeting - Brussels, 5-7 September 2016 The Reports were adopted.	SLR-14-06 SLR-13-06 SLR-12-07
5.	Application of the Unique Identifier (UI) Mr. Draper briefly introduced SLR-15-01, pointing out that the document is intended to provide a good basis to justify that for GRE the UI is a priority due to the growing complexity of the markings. To this end some practical examples have also been added at the end of the presentation.	SLR-15-01

<p>Mr. Draper also reported that the specific subject concerning the obligatory use of the UI marking will be addressed at the IWVTA Sub-Group on 1958 Agreement (SG58) session on 10 March 2017.</p> <p>The participants identified the following major concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are CPs allowed to choose to adopt, or not to adopt, particular devices within the UN Lighting Regulations? • Are manufacturers allowed to choose to use the UI marking instead of the ECE markings? • Is it possible to have different series of amendments in the same UN Regulation? • What happens to a UI in case of a new series of amendments? <p>Mr. Rovers observed that a clarification of what is meant by "indelible marking" would be useful. Moreover he pointed out that, due to the political implications, WP.29 shall have the final responsibility.</p> <p>The SLR agreed that the correct process to address the above questions should be: SLR → GRE → SG58 → WP.29</p> <p>The SLR thanked Mr. Draper and GTB for this useful presentation and agreed to submit this document, on behalf of the GRE-IWG SLR, to DETA in due time for consideration at its next session on 9 March 2017.</p> <p>In order to have a fruitful discussion of this presentation, the SLR acknowledged that someone from SLR should attend the DETA meeting. Mr. Loccufier will contact Mr. Lazarevic to verify if they can attend in person. As an alternative Mr. Draper volunteered to participate via WebEx, if available.</p> <p>The SLR furthermore agreed to invite Mr. Sven Paeslack (DETA Chairman) to attend at least part of the 16th SLR meeting in March to properly address the SLR concerns.</p>	
<p>6. EU proposal for amendments to Regulations Nos. 4, 6, 7, 19, 23, 38, 48, 50, 77, 87, 91, 98, 112, 113, 119, 123 to clarify requirements for light sources in lighting and light-signalling Regulations listed in Annex 4 to UN Regulation No. 0 (IWVTA)</p> <p>Mr. Loccufier reported that the EU proposal for a collective amendment to the existing UN Regulations (WP.29-171-03) did not obtain the EU Council Working Group mandate and, consequently, there will be no vote upon this proposal at the 171st WP.29 session in March 2017. The discussion will continue at GRE-77 on the basis of document GRE/2017/07 with the aim for adoption at the WP.29 in June.</p> <p>The participants expressed different opinions about the reasons for not obtaining the EU Council Working Group mandate: some simply recognised that the proposal was presented too late for consideration and voting, some others observed that in the EU Council WG they may have had difficulties to understand the subtleties of the proposal, some others pointed out that there are CPs with concerns about the proposal who deliberately intended not to support it.</p>	<p>WP.29-171-03 <i>For information only:</i> WP.29-170-10/Rev.1 SLR-14-05</p>

	<p>Mr. de Visser pointed out that the proposal represents the best attempt to solve the problem identified by IWVTA (i.e. individual UN Regulations on lighting and light-signaling devices do not systematically require the light sources to be type-approved to the respective Regulations), however there is no guarantee that the proposed solution would satisfy IWVTA.</p> <p>Mr. de Visser reported that Mr. Oshita (IWVTA Technical Secretary) judged the proposal to be in line with the request of IWVTA Informal Group, nevertheless he recommended to check this proposal carefully at the 77th GRE meeting in April.</p> <p>Mr. Rovers pointed out that, since the proposal is already on the WP.29 agenda as an informal document, WP.29 could easily decide to convert it in a formal paper for the June session. In the meantime GRE will evaluate the proposal at its 77th session in April and, if necessary, it may provide some improvement for the June WP.29 session as informal document. Unless the proposal will be totally changed by GRE, it should be possible for the EU to vote on it (with or without integration from GRE) at the June session of WP.29.</p> <p>Since a number of participants will attend the March WP.29 session (namely Mr. Loccufier, Mr. de Visser, Mr. Draper, Mr. Puglisi), the SLR considered to use that opportunity for some informal talks with IWVTA (Mr. Oshita), with the Secretariat (Mr. Glukhenkiy and Mr. Hubert) and possibly with the Chairman of WP.29 (Mr. Erario) in order to make sure that the problem is well understood and, most important, that the proposed solution would satisfy IWVTA.</p>	
7.	<p>Draft introduction before the scope of each of the 3 new UN Regulations</p> <p>Mr. Puglisi recalled that this item for the time being is still a placeholder in order not to forget to insert the introduction in each of the new UN Regulations.</p> <p>The SLR reminded Mr. Lazarevic to provide for the 16th SLR session the introductory text for the RID and RRD draft Regulations on the basis of what has been done already for the LSD Regulation. Moreover Mr. Lazarevic was invited to do a consistency check of this introductory section for the three new UN Regulations.</p>	
8.	<p>Draft text of the new UN Regulations</p> <p>- Draft New UN Regulation on Light Signalling Devices (updated clean version, superseding SLR-13-02)</p> <p>Mr. Draper briefly introduced document SLR-15-03 pointing out that this text is the most advanced version, taking also into account the introduction of the UI and the amendments adopted by GRE-76.</p> <p>Mr. Bauckhage and Mr. Rovers volunteered to check the correspondence between the new text and the existing UN Regulations. The SLR appreciated this initiative because cross references will have to be provided to GRE anyway for the October session as part of the complete Stage 1 simplification package.</p>	SLR-15-03

	<p>The SLR agreed to send a "clean" version of the latest draft to GRE-77 in order to show how the new simplified UN Regulations will look like. Mr. Puglisi will prepare and submit the document to GRE in due time to allow the CPs to have a look at the text and provide feedback.</p> <p>- Draft New UN Regulation on Road Illumination Devices (updated clean version, superseding SLR-12-04/Rev.1)</p> <p>The SLR thanked Mr. Draper for producing a first consolidated version of the RID Regulation (namely doc. SLR-15-04), nevertheless it was decided to resume the work on the basis of the draft version as amended at the end of the 14th SLR session because a number of comments, based on the previous draft, were received in the meantime.</p> <p>Several comments and improvements have been made to the text, in particular with regards to the inclusion of the provisions from R-113 and R-123. Annexes 1, 3 and 4 have also been checked and improved 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-12-04/Rev.1 at the next meeting from Annex 5 with the aim of completing the review of the entire document.</p> <p>- Draft New UN Regulation on Retro-reflecting Devices (updated version, superseding SLR-13-03)</p> <p>Mr. Ewald introduced a revised version of the new draft UN Regulation on Retro-reflecting Devices pointing out the main improvements made, with the assistance of Mr. Manz, since the last SLR meeting.</p> <p>The participants examined line-by-line the text up to Par. 4.5.6.3. 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>Mr. Langhammer volunteered to review Par. 2 about Administrative Provisions</p> <p>Mr. Bauckhage offered to check Par. 2.3 about markings.</p> <p>Mr. Manz volunteered to check and complete Tables 3, 5 and 7.</p> <p>All SLR members were invited to provide input to Mr. Ewald and Mr. Manz who will prepare for the next meeting an improved text for consideration.</p> <p>At the next (16th) SLR session the review of the document will continue with the objective to complete, if possible, the entire document.</p> <p>As soon as a first complete draft for each of the three new Regulations will be available, a general consistency check will be necessary to align all the texts.</p>	<p>SLR-15-04</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Any Other Business No other business to discuss.</p>	

<p>10.</p>	<p>Next meeting(s)</p> <p>The following meeting schedule was confirmed by the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 16th IWG SLR meeting - Brussels on 22-24 March 2017 ➤ 17th IWG SLR meeting - Tokyo on 16-18 May 2017 (see SLR-15-02) ➤ 18th IWG SLR meeting - Brussels on 13-15 June 2017 ➤ 19th IWG SLR meeting - Brussels on 12-14 July 2017, if necessary <p>Unless otherwise specified the meetings in Brussels are held at the new CLEPA Headquarters in Cours Saint-Michel 30g.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Closure</p> <p>The Chairman thanked all the participants for their fruitful contribution and closed the meeting.</p>	

Annex 1 to SLR-15-06

Participation at 15th SLR meeting 21-23 February 2017

IN PERSON	WEBEX/TELEPHONE
Mr. Michel LOCCUFIER (BE, SLR Chair)	Mr. Lukas SCHWENKSCHUSTER (GTB) – <i>Only partially</i>
Mr. Davide PUGLISI (GTB, SLR Secretary)	Mr. Ad DE VISSER (IEC) – <i>Only partially</i>
Mr. Derwin ROVERS (NL)	Mr. Michael PERNKOPF (GTB)
Mr. Walter SCHLAGER (IEC)	Mr. Geoff DRAPER (GTB) – <i>Only 21 Feb morning</i>
Mr. Satoshi TSUKAMOTO (JP)	Mr. Karl MANZ (DE)
Mr. Jürgen EWALD (CLEPA) – <i>Only on 21-22 Feb</i>	
Mr. Gert LANGHAMMER (CLEPA)	
Mr. Beny GRIGORESCU (GTB)	
Mr. Jean-Marc PRIGENT (CLEPA)	
Mr. Thomas BAUCKHAGE (CLEPA)	
Mr. Tom CRAUWELS (CLEPA)	