

[To Secretary-General UN]

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHING OF GLOBAL TECHNICAL
REGULATIONS FOR WHEELED VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT AND PARTS WHICH
CAN BE FITTED AND/OR BE USED ON WHEELED VEHICLES

Done at Geneva on 25 June 1998.

In accordance with Article 7 of the above-mentioned Agreement, this is to notify that Canada has taken initial steps towards the adoption of Global Technical Regulation No. 2 (gtr 2) entitled “Measurement procedure for two-wheeled motorcycles equipped with a positive or compression ignition engine with regard to the emissions of gaseous pollutants, CO₂ emissions and fuel consumption”.

Canada’s emission standards for motorcycles are set out in the *On-Road Vehicle and Engine Emission Regulations* under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*. At the time of adoption of gtr No. 2 by the Executive Committee of the Agreement, Canada had already initiated a regulatory process to align its motorcycle emission standards and test procedures with new rules of the United States and is nearing completion of this process. In its consultations related to this initiative, Canada has provided Canadian stakeholders early notice of its intent to incorporate motorcycles emission limits based on the test procedures set out in gtr No. 2 through a subsequent regulatory process.

Canada will be completing a review of test data to establish an appropriate correlation between its pending emission standards based the U.S. test procedures and equivalent limits based on the procedures set out in gtr No. 2. Once this is completed, Canada plans to propose amendments to its regulations to implement the provisions of gtr No.2. The final details regarding gtr 2 application and the date on which Canada will begin to apply this gtr will be communicated to the Secretary General at a later time.