

[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-referenced Agreement, this is to notify that the United States of America (U.S.) 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”.

The U.S. emission standards for motorcycles are set out in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Part 86, subpart E “Emission Regulations for 1978 and Later New Motorcycles, General Provisions.” At the time of adoption of GTR No. 2 by the Executive Committee of the Agreement, the United States had recently completed a regulatory process to update its emission standards applicable to motorcycles. However, in its consultations related to this initiative, the United States has provided its stakeholders with notice of the U.S. intent to incorporate motorcycle emission limits based on the test procedures set out in GTR No. 2 through a subsequent regulatory process.

The U.S. is currently reviewing test data to establish an appropriate correlation between its existing emission standards that are based on the U.S. test procedures and equivalent limits based on the procedures set out in GTR No. 2. Once this is completed, the U.S. will be in a position to move forward to amend its regulations to implement the provisions of GTR No.2

The final details regarding GTR 2 application and the date on which the United States will begin to apply this GTR will be communicated to the Secretary General at a later time.