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**Status report on the European Community's incorporation of
GTR No. 7 on Head Restraints in Community law**

**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
("1998 Agreement")**

At present time the initiative has been taken to transpose the requirements of Global Technical Regulation No. 7 into the existing UN ECE Regulation No. 17 by means of working document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2009/7. The work related to this is still ongoing and therefore the adoption of the document is pending. The document in question contains necessary elements of rulemaking with regard to active head restraints. These rules have not yet been incorporated within the GTR, however, it is foreseen that these are to be included with the completion of the so-called phase 2 of the GTR.

For the purpose of EC vehicle type-approval UN ECE Regulation No. 17 is considered to be equivalent to the legislation currently in force in the European Union, namely Directive 74/408/EEC relating to motor vehicles with regard to the seats, their anchorages and head restraints, as last amended.

The European Commission will continue to actively participate in the completion process of transposing the GTR rules into the UN ECE Regulation.

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