

Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the GRSG informal working group on the Behaviour of M₂ and M₃ vehicles' general construction in case of Fire Event (BMFE)

A. Terms of Reference

1. The Informal Working Group (IWG) shall produce (a) draft regulatory proposal(s) to increase the safety of M₂ and M₃ vehicles in case of a fire event by improving their general construction with respect to evacuation time. It shall consider:
 - (a) The approval and the nature of materials used in M₃ classes II and III vehicles, their installation and the associated burning behaviour with regard to smoke toxicity and opacity according to UN Regulation No. 118;
 - (b) The performance of M₂ and M₃ vehicles regarding their general construction according to UN Regulation No. 107.
2. When developing a regulatory proposal, the IWG should take into account existing technology, data and research. Furthermore, it should consider pre-existing standards as well as national and international legislations covering the same scope.
3. The group shall focus on vehicles of categories M₂ and M₃.
4. The completion target and date for the work of the IWG shall be a draft amendment to UN Regulations Nos. 107 and 118 at the 120th session of GRSG (October 2020).
5. The IWG is expected to draft regulatory amendments. The adoption process remains under the responsibility of GRSG, WP.29 and AC.1 in line with the administrative procedures as defined in the 1958 Agreement.
6. The IWG is expected to take into account the work of other Working Parties that are subsidiary to WP.29.

B. Rules of Procedure

7. The IWG is a subsidiary body of GRSG and is open to all Contracting Parties to the Agreements administered by WP.29, vehicle manufacturers and their suppliers, Technical Services and the participants of all Working Parties (GRs) subsidiary to WP.29.
8. Additional experts may attend on a case-by-case basis as invited by a consensual decision of the IWG. These experts shall not be part of the decision process.
9. A Chair, a Vice-Chair and a Secretary will manage the IWG.
 - (a) The chairmanship shall be under the responsibility of France;
 - (b) The vice-chairmanship shall be under the responsibility of France;
 - (c) The secretariat shall be under the responsibility of OICA.
10. The working language of the IWG will be English.
11. All documents and/or proposals shall be submitted to the Secretary of the group in a suitable electronic format in advance of the meeting. The group may refuse to discuss and endorse any item or proposal which has not been circulated 10 working days prior to that meeting.
12. An agenda and related documents will be made available on the website by the Secretary, in advance of all scheduled meetings.

13. Decisions will be reached by consensus. When consensus cannot be reached, the Chair of the group shall present the different points of view to GRSG. The Chair may seek guidance from GRSG, as appropriate.
14. The progress of the IWG will be routinely reported to GRSG – wherever possible as an informal document and presented by the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Secretary or their representative(s).
15. All working documents should be distributed in digital format. Meeting documents should be made available to the Secretary for publication on the website of WP.29.

