

**1971 EUROPEAN AGREEMENT
SUPPLEMENTING THE 1968 CONVENTION ON ROAD TRAFFIC**

PROPOSAL OF AN AMENDMENT OF THE NEW DEFINITION OF MOTOR TRICYCLES

Transmitted by the Swiss delegation

The only difference in the wording of the two definitions of motor cycle and of motor tricycle are the three symmetrically arranged wheels for tricycles. From our point of view this design feature only is not reason enough for maintaining a separate vehicle category like tricycles, but to put them together with motor cycles (i.e. two-wheeled motor cycles with or without side-car or three-wheeled motor cycles). On the other hand the category of tricycles is widely used in many existing legislation. By maintaining the actual vehicle categories, but preventing an overlap in the field of application of the definitions of motor cycles and of motor tricycles, we propose a small extension in the wording of the definition of motor tricycle (all other definitions remain unchanged). The proposed definition of motor tricycle, following the proposal in document TRANS/WP.29/2002/68, then would read as follows (newly added wording in bold letters):

“(ag) “Motor tricycle” means a vehicle with three symmetrically arranged wheels, **having other technical characteristics than a motor cycle**, fitted with an engine having a maximum design speed of more than 45 km/h or a cylinder capacity of more than 50 cm³ if of internal combustion type or a maximum continuous rated power of more than 4 kW in the case of an electric motor.”

If the definition of motor tricycle is adapted in the proposed way the difference by definition between motor cycle and motor tricycle will be clear and without doubt.
