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**AMENDMENTS TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1968 CONVENTIONS ON ROAD
TRAFFIC AND ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS AND THE 1971 EUROPEAN
AGREEMENTS SUPPLEMENTING THEM**

Driving permits

Transmitted by the Chairman of the small group on driving permits

On 22-24 March 2001, a meeting of the small group on driving permits was held at the Direccitn General de Trafico in Madrid under the chairmanship of Dr. A.Y. Yakimov (Russian Federation). Representatives of France, Luxembourg, Spain, Switzerland and the International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA) participated.

At the meeting the questions of recognition and use of international and national driving permits in UNECE countries were discussed based on the analysis of provisions of international and national legal acts and answers to the questionnaire on the recognition and use of IDPs and DDPs.

The participants of the meeting made the following recommendations:

1. Annex 7 to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic – to add the words “on presentation of an appropriate national driving permit” to the first sentence of Model Page No. 2 of the IDP.
 2. In the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic:
 - 2.1. Paragraph 2 of Article 24 – to exclude the words "especially in the case of a driver coming from a country where a domestic permit is not required or";
 - 2.2. Paragraph 3 of Article 24 – to add the words "on condition that it is presented with an appropriate national driving permit" to the last sentence;
 - 2.3 Annex 10 – to add the words "on presentation of an appropriate national driving permit" to the first sentence on page 2 of the Model IDP.
 3. To recommend that WP.1 discuss the advisability of recommending national legal provisions, which would establish that an IDP is withdrawn if a driver is deprived of his/her DDP (as is already the case in Germany, Denmark, Czech Republic, for instance).
 4. To discuss separately the advisability of including a number of general provisions in the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic concerning conditions for obtaining a driving permit (for instance, content of tests and exams, medical requirements imposed on candidates applying for a driving permit and so on).
 5. To draw the UNECE countries' attention to the need to substantiate the reason for the limit on validity set in their territories for driving permits that have been issued in other countries and which meet the requirements of Article 41, paragraph 2 of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic. A number of countries appear to have misinterpreted question 9 of the questionnaire on the recognition and use of IDPs and DDPs (concerning validity of different kinds of driving permits) (TRANS/WP.1/2001/5). Explanations are also needed as to why some countries recognize driving permits issued in other countries which do not conform to all the requirements of Article 41, paragraph 2.
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