

Use of private standards in UN Regulations Background

GRRF request

1. Germany questioned the reference to "private" ASTM standards in UN Regulations. These standards are not publically available. The GRRF Chair agreed to seek WP.29/AC.2 guidance on the referencing of other standards which are not freely available.
2. Questions: Can we refer to private standards? How delegates can check the content of a standard before adopting a text referring to it? (ISO provides restricted courtesy copies of ISO standards for the meetings of GRRF. For other standards, like ASTM, it is probably more difficult)

GRE request:

3. GRE considered ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/2011/46 tabled by the expert from GTB to update the test requirements. A number of delegates wondered whether parts of private standards covered by copyrights could be reproduced in a Regulation. The GRE Chair agreed to seek guidance from WP.29 at its November 2011 session. GRE agreed to consider again ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/2011/46 at its next session.
 4. Questions: Can we refer to private standards (i.e. ASTM, ISO, etc)? Can parts of standards be reproduced in a Regulation? Do we need the authorization of the standardization bodies for this?
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