

Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure

## German experience from accession to and implementation of the 1958 Agreement

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## Overview

### Title of the 1958 Agreement (Revision 3)

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Harmonized Technical United

Nations Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which

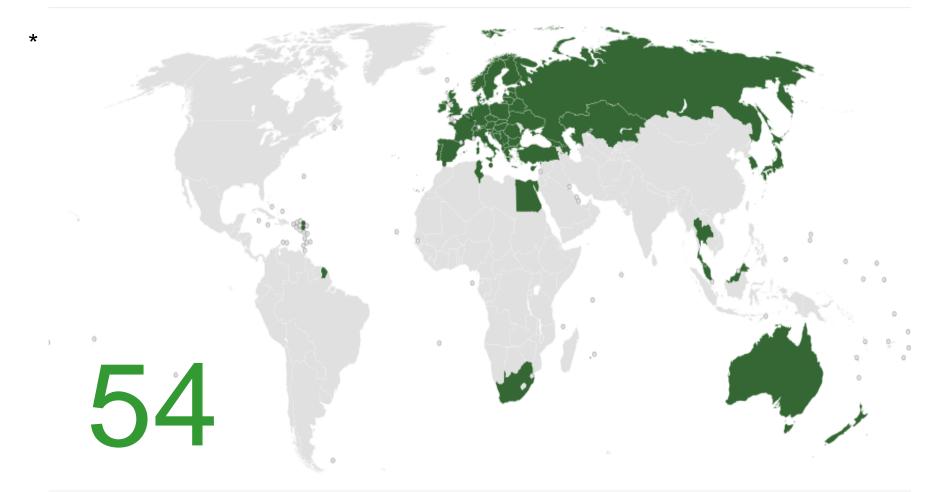
can be Fitted and/or be Used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions

for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of

these United Nations Regulations



#### World map: Overview Contracting Parties of the Agreement





# World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations: 6 Working Parties





# World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations: 2 Agreements signed by Germany:



#### Agreement 1958

#### Agreement 1998



54 Contracting Parties

36 Contracting Parties, e.g. some that do not apply 1958 Agreement, e.g. China, Canada, USA

147 UN Regulations

20 Global Technical Regulations (GTR)

Type approval system •  $\rightarrow$  mutual recognition



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# History

## **Beginnings - Original Version**

- Based upon the proposals of the signatory states: Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands
- Germany signed on 19 June 1958
- German interest: uniform conditions of approval and reciprocal recognition to facilitate export



## National implementation in Germany – 3 Steps

**Application of UN Regulations** 

Adjustment of the national legislation

#### **Ratification of the Agreement**



#### Ratification

- 12 June 1965: Ratification of the agreement by enacting a national law
- **29 November 1965:** The instrument of ratification was deposited to the Secretary-General of the United Nations
- **28 January 1966:** The agreement entered into force

#### $\rightarrow$ more influence on the further development of the Treaty



### Revision 2 and Revision 3:

Main Amendments, German Interests and Implementation

Revision 2 – Amendments and German interests

 Extend the scope, which used to be restricted to Equipment and parts of vehicles, towards wheeled vehicles in general

 Condensing the procedure of developing new and amending existing UN-Regulations



#### Revision 2 – Amendments and German interests

 global harmonization of vehicle regulations by accession of non-european UN-Member-States and regional economic integration organisations
→ accession by the EU (27 November 1997)
→ reduction of trade barriers

 Implementation into German law means support of innovative technologies



#### **Revision 2 - Implementation**

16 October 1995: entered into force on the international level

No formal ratification necessary, because of the notification procedure

20 May 1997: Implementing law in Germany entered into force



### Revision 3 – Amendments and German interests

# More flexibility for German manufacturers to enter foreign markets

- encourage more countries and economic regions to join the activities of the WP.29 (make it more attractive)
- increase the number of Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement (function and reliability)
- 1958 Agreement to remain the key tool for a global international legislative harmonization of the automotive legislation

# Next step for innovative technologies: exemption approvals



#### **Revision 3 - Implementation**

- 14 September 2017: entered into force on the international level
- Accession of EU lead to mixed responsibility
- EU implemented the part with relevance for the EU type approval on behalf of its Member States
- beside: need for an implementing law on the national level



## Levels of Approval

### UN Regulations in the system of vehicle approval





## Application of UN Regulations: 2 "types"



- 128 UN Regulations
- Implemented by EU on behalf of MS
- no national implementing law
- Part of the EU type approval

- 12 UN Regulations
- Implementing law necessary
- national single approval
- UN type approval

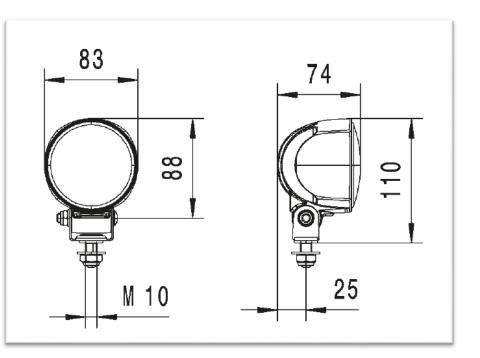


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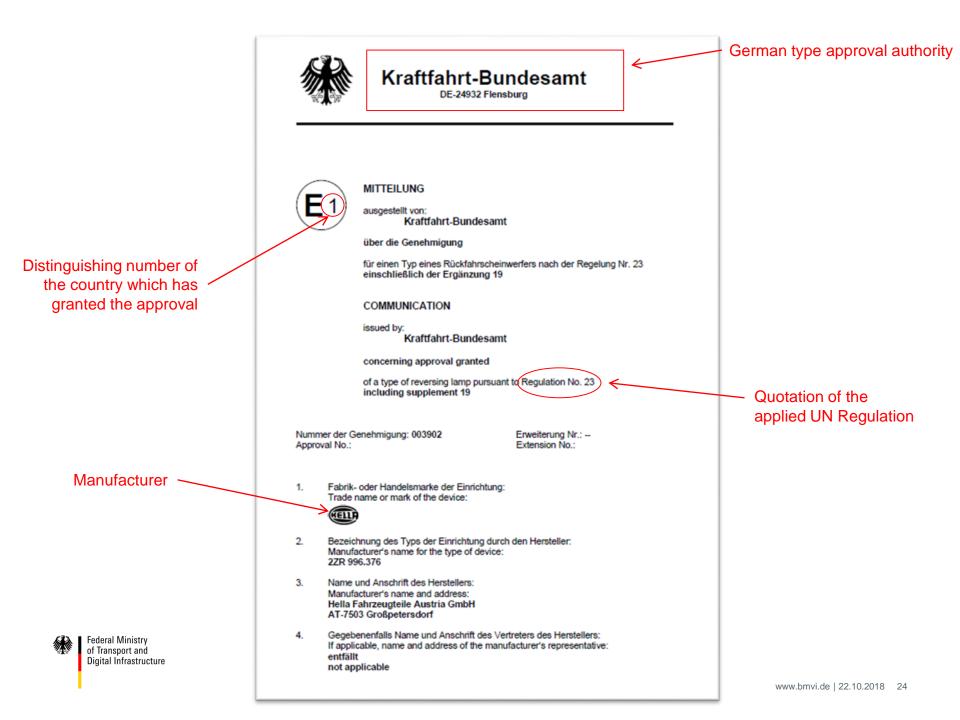
## **Practical Examples**

#### 1st Example: Reversing Light













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> Hersteller und Identifizierungsnummer des elektronischen Lichtquellen-Vorschaltgerätes (falls das elektronische Lichtquellen-Vorschaltgerät Teil der Lampe ist und nicht im Lampengehäuse enthalten ist):

Electronic light source control gear manufacturer and identification number (when the light source control gear is part of the lamp but is not included into the lamp body): entfällt

not applicable

Lichtquellenmodul: nein Light source module: no

Spezifischer Kode des Lichtquellenmoduls: entfällt Light source module specific identification code: not applicable

Geometrische Bedingungen und mögliche Abweichungen, sofern zutreffend: Geometrical conditions of installation and relating variations, if any: Bezugsachse parallel zur Fahrzeuglängsmittelebene und parallel zur Standfläche des Fahrzeugs auf der Fahrbahn (siehe anliegende Zeichnung) reference axis parallel to the median longitudinal plane of the vehicle and parallel to the bearing plane of the vehicle on the road (see attached drawing)

Für einen Typ einer Manövrierleuchte nach Regelung Nr. 23 Paragraf 6.2.2. Maximale Anbauhöhe: För a type of manoeuvring lamp pursuant to Regulation No. 23 paragraph 6.2.2. Maximum mounting height: entfällt not applicable

- Anbringungsstelle des Genehmigungszeichens: Position of the approval mark: auf dem Gehäuse on the housing
- Hinweis: Comments: Im Falle eines Rückfahrscheinwerfers soll diese Einrichtung an einem Fahrzeug nur als Teil eines Paares solcher Einrichtungen angebaut werden: In case of a reversing lamp, this device shall be installed on a vehicle only as part of a pair of devices: nein no
- Grund (Gründe) für die Erweiterung der Genehmigung (falls zutreffend): Reason(s) for extension (if applicable): entfällt not applicable

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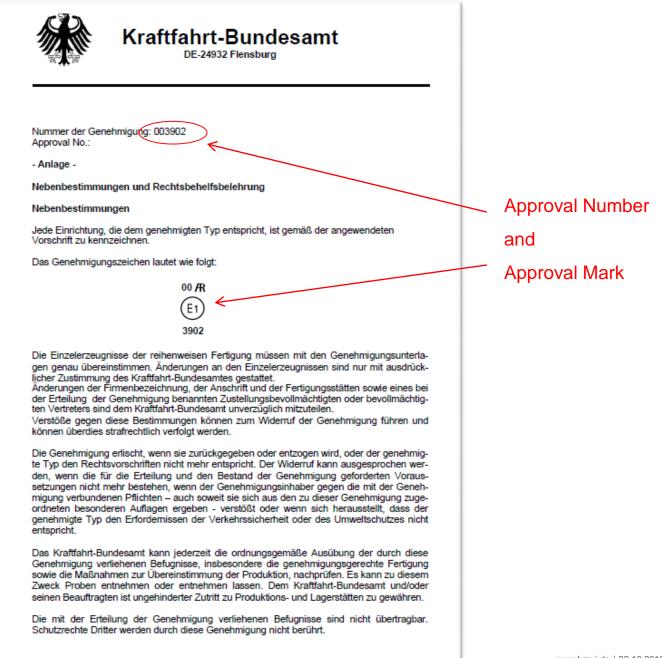
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- Unterschrift: Im Auftrag Signature:

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Nebenbestimmungen und Rechtsbehelfsbelehrung Collateral clauses and instruction on right to appeal

1 Prüfbericht mit Anlagen Test report with enclosures









#### 2nd Example: Contour Marking







## Thank you for your attention!

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