

UN CONVENTIONS RELATED TO ROAD SAFETY IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION



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ROAD TRAFFIC, 1968

The 1968 Convention on Road Traffic is based on the desire to facilitate international road traffic and to increase road safety through the adoption of uniform traffic rules. The Convention consists of six Chapters including 56 Articles, and seven Annexes.

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ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS, 1968

The 1968 Convention on Road Signs & Signals is based on the recognition that international uniformity of road signs, signals and symbols and of road markings is necessary in order to facilitate international road traffic and to increase road safety. The Convention consists of six Chapters including 48 Articles, and three Annexes.

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VEHICLE REGULATIONS , 1958

The 1958 Agreement consisting of 16 Articles is based on the desire to reduce technical barriers to international trade and recognizing the importance of safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and anti-theft performance of wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts. It contains an Appendix as well as eight Schedules of Administrative and Procedural Provisions.

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GLOBAL VEHICLE REGULATIONS , 1998

The 1998 Agreement relates to vehicle regulations and provides a framework for developing global technical regulations for vehicles on safety and environmental performance. The Agreement consists of 16 Articles followed by Annex A providing definitions and Annex B providing the composition and rules of procedure of the Executive Committee.

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TECHNICAL INSPECTION OF VEHICLES, 1997

The 1997 Agreement consisting of 13 Articles relates to vehicle inspections. The system of periodic technical inspections as described in the agreement is to ensure that vehicles in use are kept in a safe and environmentally friendly condition throughout their lifetime.

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DANGEROUS GOODS BY ROAD (ADR), 1957

The 1957 Agreement (updated every two years) consisting of two Volumes outlines the highest level of safety acceptable to all Contracting Parties for permitting the transport of dangerous goods by road on their territories with cost/safety benefits considerations.

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AETR , 1970

The 1970 European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) consists of 25 Articles, an Annex including 14 Articles in relation to control device and four Appendices.



BENEFITS AND STATUS OF UN CONVENTIONS RELATED TO ROAD SAFETY IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

BENEFITS OF THE CONVENTIONS

ROAD TRAFFIC, 1968

- Provides an opportunity to apply best practices and experience as agglomerated in the Convention to make road traffic safer.
- Considers road user behaviour.
- Establishes rules of the road to be followed by drivers and pedestrians.

ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS, 1968

- Addresses the distracted driving issue.
- Addresses correct placement of road signs.
- Provides guidance on standardized road signs, signals and markings.
- Focuses on safe infrastructure which contributes to safer mobility.

VEHICLE REGULATIONS, 1958

- Provides the legal framework for adopting uniform UN Regulations for all types of wheeled vehicles manufactured, specifically related to safety and environmental aspects.
- Removes technical barriers in international trade.
- Addresses economic benefits by allowing for a system of reciprocal recognition of approvals, granted by the Contracting Parties of the agreement.

GLOBAL VEHICLE REGULATIONS, 1998

- Relates to vehicle regulations and provides a framework for developing global technical regulations for vehicles on safety and environmental performance.
- The rules related to creating and maintaining a registry of the global technical regulations referred to as the "Global Registry" are provided.
- Advanced technologies are addressed, for example, electric vehicles.

TECHNICAL INSPECTION OF VEHICLES, 1997

- Promotes keeping vehicles environmentally friendly and safe throughout their lifetime.
- Provides the legal framework for the inspection of wheeled vehicles and for the mutual recognition of inspection certificates for cross-border use of road vehicles.

DANGEROUS GOODS BY ROAD (ADR), 1957

- Facilitates transport, easy transit and trade of dangerous goods.
- Aims at preventing crashes during loading, unloading and transport and to mitigate as much as possible the effects should an incident occur.
- Addresses mutual recognition of packaging and travel certification.

AETR, 1970

- Addresses driving times and rest periods of professional drivers are regulated and monitored to prevent major crashes.
- Prevents fatigued driving by commercial vehicle drivers and thereby saves lives and serious injuries.

ACCESSION STATUS AS OF 2021

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	Road Traffic, 1968	Road Signs and Signals, 1968	Vehicle Regulations, 1968	Global Vehicle Regulation, 1998	Technique Of Inspection, 1997	Dang. Goods by Roads (ADR), 1957	AETR, 1970
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