

# Report of the 30th RACE Meeting

- ❑ The 30th Regulation and Certification Experts meeting (RACE) was held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025 as hybrid meeting.
- ❑ The meeting was attended by the automotive industry representatives from Asia, i.e. Cambodia, Chinese-Taipei, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. \*Underlined countries joined on-site.



## 1. ASEAN MRA

- 1) The AAF shared the latest status of the APMRA overview.
- 2) The meeting acknowledged the status for ratification of APMRA, has not been progressed since last year. The industry is looking forward for the ratification of APMRA by all AMS.
- 3) The concerns about Worst Case Selection concept would be solved in each national legislation.
- 4) The meeting agreed to encourage ASEAN governments to promote the harmonization of technical regulations of automotive products and the mutual recognition of the results of conformity assessments towards goal as global harmonization.

## 2. WP29 Activities in Asian Region

### -Deep dive on Relation of National Legislation and UN-R-

- 1) Each Automotive Association reported the latest regulatory movements on safety, environment, future technologies and their harmonization activity.
- 2) Especially, the details were exchanged on how to be introduced UN-R requirements into each National Legislation at present. A sample outside of Asia, Australia case was introduced by JAMA, to consider the action roadmap for the future.
- 3) The Asian economies shared the type of National Legislation texts and its background. (Next Page)
- 4) The meeting encouraged Asian economies to continue discussion and exchange information on activities related to safety, environment and future technologies and harmonization based on UN-Rs. The direction of the rationalization would give the better impact not only to Industry, but also to the Government.

## 2. WP29 Activities in Asian Region

### -Deep dive on Relation of National Legislation and UN-R-

- A) The meeting found that
- ✓ the types on how to be referred UN-Rs in National Legislations are different

Referring UN-Rs in National Legislation and Their Characteristics

Type	Description	Explanation	Key point
<b>A</b>	UN-R No. only	-Only UN-R No. are listed -Only deference from UN-R is mentioned.	No deviation or deviation from UN-R is clear if any
<b>B</b>	UN-R text exact copy	The numbers of applicable/ not applicable clauses of UN-R and deference from UN-R is only mentioned.	Deviation from UN-R is clear if any
<b>C</b>	Original text similar to UN-R	Original text is created referring to UN-R. Deference from UN-R may be mixed.	Existence of deviation from UN-R is unclear
<b>D</b>	Other case		

**UN-R**



- ✓ Harmonized
- ✓ Rationalized
- ✓ Easy to understand



**Unique**

National Legislations of the countries which are the members of 1958 Agreement tend to be Type A or B.

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B) The meeting found that some economies

- ✓ Need full legislation texts of national language
- ✓ Wants to consider the specific conditions in the economies

However, industry wants to request the authorities to simplify National Legislations and certification procedures such as

- ✓ Acceptance of UN-R certificate/test report in National Type Approval
- ✓ Referring UN-R exactly in National Legislation
  - When any unique requirements deviated from UN-R, the justification and clear descriptions are requested.
- ✓ Involving Industry from the early stage of developing National Legislation

### 3. Continuous effort for the ideal Asian regulation/certification

The meeting acknowledged again on the following importance for the better regulation & certification in Asia.

- i. The contributions from related government agency and automotive industry are crucial. The industry would like to encourage Asian governments to participate in WP 29 and contribute to accelerate harmonization of regulation.
- ii. For ASEAN countries, ratifying and implementing ASEAN MRA can accelerate the understanding and preparation for the accession to 1958 agreement.
- iii. After joining 1958 agreement, a better understanding of UN regulations and the Mutual Recognition for Type Approval will also promote the international harmonization.

**Thank You**