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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 114, in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) By Council Decision 97/836/EC[(1)], the Union acceded to the Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted to and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of those prescriptions (the 'Revised 1958 Agreement'). The Revised 1958 Agreement entered into force on 24 March 1998.

(2) By Council Decision 2000/125/EC[(2)], the Union acceded to the Agreement concerning the establishing of global technical regulations for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts, which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles (the 'Parallel Agreement'). The Parallel Agreement entered into force on 15 February 2000.

(3) Regulation (EU) 2018/858 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(3)] lays down administrative provisions and technical requirements for the type-approval and placing on the market of all new vehicles, systems, components and separate technical units.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2020/1637. (See end of Document for details)*

That Regulation incorporates regulations adopted under the Revised 1958 Agreement ('UN Regulations') in the EU type-approval system, either as requirements for type-approval or as alternatives to Union legislation.

(4) Pursuant to Article 1 of the Revised 1958 Agreement and Article 6 of the Parallel Agreement, the UNECE World Forum for Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulations (UNECE WP.29) may adopt proposals for modifications to UN Regulations, UN Global Technical Regulations (UN GTRs) and UN Resolutions as well as proposals for new UN Regulations, UN GTRs and UN Resolutions concerning the approval of vehicles. Moreover, pursuant to those provisions, UNECE WP.29 may adopt proposals for authorisations to develop amendments to UN GTRs or to develop new UN GTRs, and may adopt proposals for the extension of mandates for UN GTRs.

(5) UNECE WP.29, during the 182nd session of the World Forum to be held on 10 November 2020, may adopt the proposals for modifications to UN Regulations Nos 0, 13, 16, 17, 44, 55, 83, 93, 94, 95, 100, 115, 137, 144, 151, 152 and 153, the proposal for a new UN Regulation concerning the approval of devices for reversing motion and motor vehicles with regard to the driver's awareness of vulnerable road users behind vehicle, the proposal for a new UN Regulation concerning the approval of motor vehicles with regard to the moving off information system for the detection of pedestrians and cyclists, the proposals for modifications to UN GTRs Nos 7, 15 and 18, the proposal for a new Global Technical Regulation on the determination of electric vehicle power and the proposal for amendments to Mutual Resolution M.R.3. concerning Vehicle Interior Air Quality. Moreover, UNECE WP.29 is to adopt the proposal for authorisations to develop an amendment to UN GTR No 8 and to develop a new UN GTR on in-vehicle battery durability.

(6) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf in UNECE WP.29, as regards the adoption of those proposals, as the UN Regulations will be binding on the Union and, together with the UN GTRs and the Mutual Resolution, capable of decisively influencing the content of Union law in the field of vehicle type-approval.

(7) In the light of experience and technical developments, the requirements relating to certain elements or features covered by UN Regulations Nos 0, 13, 16, 17, 44, 55, 83, 93, 94, 95, 100, 115, 137, 144, 151, 152 and 153, as well as by Mutual Resolution M.R.3., need to be amended or supplemented.

(8) In addition, certain provisions in UN GTRs Nos 7, 15 and 18 need to be amended.

(9) In order to allow for technical progress and in order to improve vehicle safety and testing of emissions, two new UN Regulations on the approval of devices for reversing motion and motor vehicles with regard to the driver's awareness of vulnerable road users behind vehicle, and on the approval of motor vehicles with regard to the moving off information system for the detection of pedestrians and cyclists, need to be adopted. In parallel, a new Global Technical Regulation on the determination of electric vehicle power needs to be adopted.