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## **IRU POSITION ON ROADSIDE INSPECTIONS AND ROADWORTHINESS TESTS**

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### **Revised IRU Position on roadside inspections and roadworthiness tests.**

#### **I. ANALYSIS**

Roadside inspections and roadworthiness tests are to ensure that vehicles in operation are properly maintained and inspected in order to ensure their safety performances and durability.

However, due to different national regulations and/or different interpretations regarding the vehicle test requirements by enforcement authorities, road transport companies are too often unjustly fined during roadside inspections outside their country.

Therefore, enforcement authorities need to consider relevant solutions regarding all vehicle inspections, periodical and roadside checks in order to:

- apply Directives 2009/40/EC and 2000/30/EC in a harmonised way in all EU countries;
- comply with the existing technical requirements made when the vehicles were type approved and to consider the technical progress achieved;
- facilitate the inspections and roadworthiness tests by performing them within a reasonable length of time and in a more reliable way;
- harmonise the procedures, methods and places of examination in order to improve motor vehicle roadworthiness testing and roadside inspections in a cost-effective manner;
- take into account the impact of technical checks on the activity of road transport operators and guarantee minimal time wasting by carrying out periodical inspections in any Member State and recognise vehicle approvals in all EU countries.

#### **II. IRU POSITION**

To improve road safety and prevent hazards for other road users, the IRU and its Members are convinced that all road transport vehicles must be correctly maintained and repaired.

To ensure a higher durability performance, vehicles need, as a *sine qua non* solution, better technical solutions at source.

To avoid unjustified fines and extra costs to transport companies, roadside checks, as well as roadworthiness inspections, should be standardised and harmonised between all EU Member States.

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To guarantee minimum time-wasting and the most cost-efficient vehicle inspections to transport operators, the frequency and length of inspections should be clearly defined and harmonised in all EU countries.

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