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**AMENDMENTS TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1968 CONVENTIONS ON ROAD  
TRAFFIC AND ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS AND  
THE 1971 EUROPEAN AGREEMENTS SUPPLEMENTING THEM**

**International driving permits**

**Transmitted by the AIT & FIA**

**AIT & FIA Report on IDP Fraud**

**BACKGROUND – What is the IDP?**

1. The International Driving Permit (IDP), essentially a translation of the domestic driving permit (DDP), constitutes proof that the holder possesses a valid driving licence in his/her home country.

**WHO is authorized to issue IDPs?**

2. IDPs are issued, in accordance with the UN road traffic conventions, by the competent national authority or associations authorized by such authority.

3. The issue of IDPs by non-governmental authorities such as automobile associations has been questioned in the past by WP.1. The AIT & FIA are firmly convinced, quite to the contrary, that automobile clubs are ideally placed as issuers of IDPs; they do indeed take this role seriously and their service to the Government is highly regarded. The automobile clubs are road safety conscious, consumer oriented, well informed on traffic issues, nationally active, organized and competent.

4. The clubs in many countries are furthermore involved, directly or indirectly, in the issue of domestic driving permits by providing driver training, road traffic education, remedial training and road safety awareness courses. The clubs launch nationwide safety campaigns and lobby their Governments for improved road traffic legislation.

#### **FRAUD – Why is IDP fraud a problem?**

5. Fraudulent IDPs are being advertised by individuals or agencies through the Internet, through magazines and other publications, citing the European Union and/or the United Nations to add legitimacy to their offer (*see example 1 attached, pages from the Internet, in English only*).

6. These bogus IDP sellers are operating outside the law: (a) they are not authorized by their national authorities to print or issue this document; (b) the IDPs are counterfeits which are not produced in accordance with the terms of the UN road traffic conventions; (c) they are sold as substitutes for DDPs.

7. Fraudulent IDPs are sold without consulting the client's DDP, therefore the client may request validation for cars, motorcycles, vehicles with trailers, buses or even heavy goods vehicles without having passed a written or practical driving test in the home country.

8. Fraudulent IDPs are advertised as a means of evading legal driving requirements (*see example 2 attached, from the Internet, in English only*).

#### **ATTACKING FRAUD**

##### **Action taken by the UN**

9. The small working group, designated by WP.1 to study IDP use, came to the conclusion that the revision of the road traffic conventions and alignment of the IDP models would not help to reduce IDP fraud. The small group did recommend however that delegates inform their national authorities of the problem.

10. The UN roster of associations authorized to issue IDPs around the world was an excellent initiative and was felt to be a useful tool in defending the legitimate IDP system.

##### **Action taken by AIT & FIA**

11. The AIT & FIA, in the interest of road safety, consumer protection and defence of their member associations, continued to work actively to attack fraud at the source and to inform the public.

12. The AIT & FIA have compiled a document – using as a base the UN/ECE roster – listing the government-authorized IDP issuing associations. In this document, additional information was added on IDP issue and acceptance (received also from AIT & FIA member associations in countries which are non-Contracting Parties to the conventions). Copies will be available in the conference room during the September 1999 meeting of WP.1.

13. In 1998, a task force was set up to pinpoint cases of IDP fraud and to determine ways of reducing the proliferation of counterfeit documents. The AIT & FIA task force continued to discuss legal implications, road safety risks, ways of eliminating Internet sites, lobbying and investigative action that might be taken on the international, national and private level.

14. The AIT & FIA member associations have issued press releases on the dangers of IDP fraud, published articles in magazines and newspapers, alerted their national telecommunication authorities, governmental, traffic and police authorities.

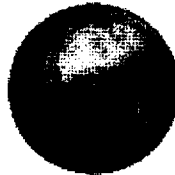
15. The AIT & FIA secretariat is now designing an Internet site, which will provide information on the legal basis of the IDP, its issue and use. The site may also include links to the UN (Road Traffic Conventions, IDP roster...).

16. The AIT & FIA will keep the UN/ECE secretariat and WP.1 informed of further action and developments concerning IDP fraud.

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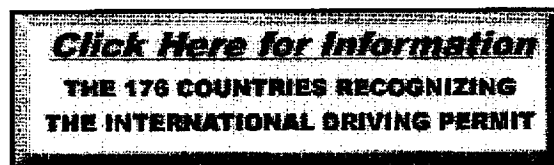
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Example 1



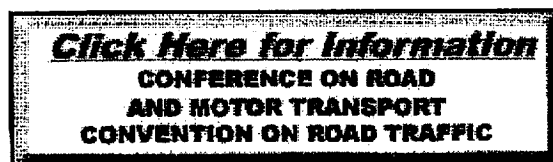
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FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MIDDLE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**SEX:**

MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

HEIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_

HAIR COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_

EYE COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLACE OF BIRTH:**

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State or Country: \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF BIRTH:**

month \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_

**RESIDENCE:**

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State or Country: \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF VEHICLE(S) YOU ARE COMPETENT TO DRIVE:**

MOTORCYCLE \_\_\_\_\_ AUTOMOBILE \_\_\_\_\_

LIGHT TRUCK \_\_\_\_\_ HEAVY TRUCK \_\_\_\_\_

PASSENGER BUS \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL MY IDP TO THIS ADDRESS:**

Street Address  
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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

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established the  
International Driving  
Permit to facilitate the  
travel of motorists in  
foreign countries where  
language barriers create  
difficulties for both  
motorists and police. This  
document establishes the  
right for a person to drive  
in another country,  
*including the United  
States*. An IMC is a type  
of International Driving  
Permit also known as an  
International Driver's  
License.

### ***Suspended or Revoked Driver's License?***



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information. \*Free  
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claim to offer these  
items. An IMC can  
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provide is  
connecting you with  
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other citizens around  
the world. All claims  
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with information we  
received from the  
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government.

***Suspended or  
Revoked Driver's  
License?***

Example 2

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**The Countries & Nations  
that *Nature's Design*  
Selects for Our Program**

**Corresponds to the  
Following Criteria :**

## Q&A

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| <b>Q</b> Can I receive an IMC even if my state license is not valid for any reason?                  | <b>A</b> Yes   |
| <b>Q</b> Am I required to purchase auto insurance?   | <b>A</b> Optional  |
| <b>Q</b> Do I need to turn in my current license?  | <b>A</b> No  |
| <b>Q</b> Can I use it to travel to other countries?  | <b>A</b> Yes   |
| <b>Q</b> Will the IMC be a photo ID?   | <b>A</b> Yes   |
| <b>Q</b> Can this license be suspended or taken away?  | <b>A</b> Only by the IMC issuing government                                |
| <b>Q</b> Do I need to take a driving test?   | <b>A</b> No  |
| <b>Q</b> How long does it take to receive my license?  | <b>A</b> 3-5 weeks   |
| <b>Q</b> Do I have to give up my current citizenship to receive an IMC from one of your connections? | <b>A</b> No  |
| <b>Q</b> What additional costs are involved after I receive your package?                            | <b>A</b> The cost will never exceed \$25 a year (two or four year license) |

**Q** What does my order contain?

**A** Paperwork corresponding to one country or nation that issues an IMC, 19 page "Right to Travel Law". Step-by-step instructions on how to receive your license quickly. 60 day money-back guarantee when you order a license.

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