

2. The number of approved signs shall be limited to such as may be strictly necessary. They shall be placed only at points where they are essential.

3. The danger signs shall be placed at a sufficient distance from the object indicated to give road users adequate warning.

4. The affixing to an approved sign of any notice not related to the purpose of such sign and liable to obscure it or to interfere with its character shall be prohibited.

5. All boards and notices which might be confused with the approved signs or make them more difficult to read shall be prohibited.

Chapter IV

PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS IN INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC

ARTICLE 18

1. In order to be entitled to the benefits of this Convention, a motor vehicle shall be registered by a Contracting State or subdivision thereof in the manner prescribed by its legislation.

2. A registration certificate containing at least the serial number, known as the registration number, the name or the trade mark of the maker of the vehicle, the maker's identification or serial number, the date of first registration and the full name and permanent place of residence of the applicant for the said certificate shall be issued either by the competent authority or by an association duly empowered to do so.

3. This certificate shall be accepted by all Contracting States as *prima facie* evidence of the information entered thereon.

ARTICLE 19

1. Every motor vehicle shall display at least at the back on a special plate or on the vehicle itself, a registration number issued or allotted by the competent authority. In the case of a motor vehicle drawing one or more trailers the single trailer or the last trailer shall display the registration number of the drawing vehicle or its own registered number.

2. The composition of the registration number and the manner in which it is displayed shall be as set out in annex 3.

ARTICLE 20

1. Every motor vehicle shall in addition to the registration number display at the back, inscribed on a plate or on the vehicle itself, the distinguishing sign of the place of registration of this vehicle. This sign shall indicate either a State or a territory which constitutes a distinct unit from the point of view of registration. In the case of a motor vehicle drawing one or more trailers this sign shall also be displayed at the back of the single trailer or of the last trailer.

2. The composition of the distinguishing sign and the manner in which it is displayed shall be as set out in annex 4.

ARTICLE 21

Every motor vehicle and trailer shall carry the identification marks set out in annex 5.