



UK perspectives on the legal and social matters to be resolved before accepting running L4 vehicles



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Overview of today's presentation

- 1) Definitions and common terminology
- 2) How safe is safe enough?
- 3) Marketing



- Authorised Self-Driving Entity (ASDE)
 - Vehicle manufacturer or software developer who puts vehicle forward for categorisation as self-driving and is responsible for ongoing safety

User-in-charge

- Individual in the driving seat
- Responds to a transition demand
- Responsible for vehicle maintenance, insurance and reporting accidents

NUIC Operator

- Responsible for vehicles with no user-in-charge
- Duties include supervising and maintaining vehicles, and reporting incidents

Authorising vehicles with self-driving features

Assessing the safety of the ADS integrated into the vehicle as a whole

Mix of UIC and NUIC ADS features, with different ODDs, in the same vehicle

Was the feature engaged at the time?

Self-driving vs driver assistance vs remote driving

- When does driving automation cross the legal threshold from driver assistance to "self-driving"?
- One clear line either the person in the driving seat is paying attention or they are not.
- Where does 'remote driving' fit?



The meaning of self-driving: 'no monitoring'

For an ADS feature to be self-driving, the authorisation authority must be satisfied that it can control the vehicle so as to drive safely and legally, even if an individual is not monitoring the driving environment, the vehicle or the way it drives with a view to immediate and safety-critical intervention.



Part II: How safe is safe enough? A political decision

- Secretary of State should publish safety standard for measuring safety of AVs.
 Should include comparison with human drivers
- Authorisation authority should have regard to standard (performance expectation)
- In-use regulator should publish data measuring safety of AVs against standard



Part III: Marketing of driving automation

Issue: drivers using systems which fall short of self-driving may be misled into thinking that they do not need to pay attention to the road

New offences:

- to restrict the use of certain terms (such as "self-driving"); and
- to prohibit practices likely to confuse drivers about the need to pay attention.







Thank you!

