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AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF UNIFORM TECHNICAL PRESCRIPTTONS FOR WHEELED VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT AND PARTS WHICH CAN BE FITTED AND/OR BE USED ON WHEELED VEHICLES AND THE CONDITIONS FOR RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF APPROVALS GRANTED ON THE BASIS OF THESE PRESCRIPTIONS

DONE AT GENEVA ON 20 MARCH 1958

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO REGULATION NO. 69

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

On 7 July 1998, the Secretary-General received from the Administrative Committee of the above Agreement, pursuant to article 12 (1) of the Agreement, amendments proposed to Regulation No. 69 ("Uniform provisions concerning the approval of rear marking plates for slow-moving vehicles (by construction) and their trailers") annexed to the Agreement.

A copy, in the English and French languages, of the document containing the text of the proposed amendments is transmitted herewith (supplement 1 to the 01 series): doc. TRANS/WP.29/630).

The Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to article 12 (2) and (3) of the Agreement which read as follows:

"2. An amendment to a Regulation will be considered to be adopted unless, within a period of six months from its notification by the Secretary-General, more than one-third of the Contracting Parties applying the Regulation at the time of notification have informed the Secretary-General of their disagreement with the amendment. If, after this period, the Secretary-General has not received declarations of disagreement of more than one-third of the Contracting Parties applying the Regulation, the Secretary-General shall as soon as possible declare the amendment as adopted and binding upon those Contracting Parties applying the Regulation who did not declare themselves opposed to it. When a Regulation is amended and at least one-fifth of the Contracting Parties applying the unamended Regulation subsequently declare that they wish to continue to apply the unamended Regulation, the unamended Regulation will be regarded as an alternative to the amended Regulation and will be incorporated formally as such into the Regulation with effect from the date of adoption of the amendment or its entry into force. In this case the obligations of the Contracting Parties applying the Regulation shall be the same as set out in paragraph 1.

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3. Should a new Contracting Party accede to this Agreement between the time of the notification of the amendment to a Regulation by the Secretary-General and its entry into force, the Regulation in question shall not enter into force for that Contracting Party until two months after it has formally accepted the amendment or two months after the lapse of a period of six months since the communication to that Party by the Secretary-General of the proposed amendment."

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DRAFT SUPPLEMENT 1 TO THE 01 SERIES OF AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 69

(Rear marking plates for slow vehicles)

Note: The text reproduced below was adopted by the Administrative Committee (AC.1) of the amended 1958 Agreement at its eighth session, following the recommendation by the Working Party at its one-hundred-and-fourteenth session. It is based on document TRANS/WP.29/1998/22, not amended (TRANS/WP.29/609, paras. 75 and 126).

Contents, annexes, insert a new title, to read:

"Annex 15 - GUIDELINES FOR INSTALLATION OF REAR MARKING PLATES ON SLOW-MOVING VEHICLES (BY CONSTRUCTION) AND THEIR TRAILERS"

Add a new Annex 15, to read:

"Annex 15

GUIDELINES FOR INSTALLATION OF REAR MARKING PLATES
ON SLOW-MOVING VEHICLES (BY CONSTRUCTION) AND THEIR TRAILERS

1. It is recommended to the Governments to require on slow-moving vehicles which, by construction, cannot travel faster than 30 km/h, "Rear marking plates for slow-moving vehicles and their trailers" conforming to this Regulation and the specific requirements relating to its scope in accordance with the guidelines given in this annex.

2. Scope

The main purpose of these guidelines is to establish requirements for installation, arrangement, position and geometric visibility of rear marking plates on slow-moving vehicles and their trailers which, by construction, cannot travel faster than 30 km/h. It increases the visibility and permits an easy identification of these vehicles.

3. Number

At least one.

4. Arrangement

The rear marking plate(s) shall be type approved and meet the requirements of this Regulation.

The apex of a rear marking plate shall be directed upwards. Every part of a rear marking plate shall lie within 5° of a transverse vertical plane at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and shall face to the rear.

5. Position

In width: If there is only one rear marking plate, it must be on the

opposite side of the median longitudinal plane of the vehicle to the direction of traffic prescribed in the country of

registration.

In height: Above the ground, not less than 250 mm (lower edge), not more

than 1,500 mm (upper edge).

In length: At the rear of the vehicle.

6. Geometric visibility

Horizontal angle: 30° inwards and outwards, covering by

indispensable constructional parts of the vehicle up to 10% of the rear marking plate

surface is permitted;

Vertical angle : 15° above and below the horizontal;

Orientation : rearwards.