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AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF UNIFORM TECHNICAL
PRESCRIPTIONS 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. 70

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. 70 ("Uniform provisions concerning the approval of rear marking plates for heavy and long vehicles") 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 2 to the 01 series: doc. TRANS/WP.29/631).

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 2 TO THE 01 SERIES OF AMENDMENTS
TO REGULATION No. 70**

(Rear marking plates for heavy and long 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.29/1998/23, with an editorial modification only (TRANS/WP.29/609, paras. 76 and 127).

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

"Annex 15 - GUIDELINES FOR INSTALLATION OF REAR MARKING PLATES ON HEAVY AND LONG VEHICLES"

Add a new Annex 15., to read:

"Annex 15

GUIDELINES FOR INSTALLATION OF REAR MARKING PLATES
ON HEAVY AND LONG VEHICLES

1. It is recommended to the Governments to apply on vehicles specified in paragraph 2 of this annex "Rear marking plates for heavy and long vehicles" 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 heavy and long vehicles. It increases the visibility and permits an easy identification of these vehicles.

2.1. Heavy motor vehicles

The installation of rear marking plates for heavy motor vehicles according to the provisions of this annex is required for vehicles of category M3, with the exception of tractors for semi-trailers, and for articulated buses of Classes II and III.

2.2. Long vehicles

The installation of rear marking plates for long vehicles, according to the provisions of this annex, is required for the following vehicles:

Categories O₁ to O₃ - trailers / semitrailers exceeding 8 m in length (including the drawbar)

All vehicles of category O₄.

3. Number

One, two, or four.

4. Arrangement

Every rear marking shall be fitted such that the lower edge is horizontal. Every part of a rear marking 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. The set of marking plates shall be arranged symmetrically with respect to the median longitudinal plane of the vehicle.

The rear marking plates shall be type approved and meet the requirements of this Regulation with the following classification:

(a) For heavy vehicles:

- Class 1 - alternate, oblique stripes of red fluorescent and yellow retro-reflective materials;
- Class 3 - alternate, oblique stripes of red retro-reflective and yellow retro-reflective materials.

(b) For long vehicles:

- Class 2 - yellow retro-reflective centre with a red fluorescent border;
- Class 4 - yellow retro-reflective centre with a red retro-reflective border.

5. Position

In width: No individual specifications

In height: Above the ground, not less than 250 mm (lower edge), nor more than 2,100 mm (upper edge).

6. Geometric visibility

Horizontal angle: 30° inwards and outwards

Vertical angle: 15° above and below the horizontal

Orientation: rearwards.

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