Response to document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2009/75

(Transposition of Euro 5/6 requirements into ECE R49.06)

OICA would like to thank the European Commission and its consultants (KTI - Hungary and VTT - Finland) for their considerable work in compiling this document and those related to it (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2009/57 and ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2009/76).

This is essential work for the application of the most recent stages of European emissions legislation in Contracting Parties outside of the European Union.

However, having analysed the document, OICA has the following major concerns, which could however not be reviewed at the last GRPE session (58th session, June 09):

- It is proposed to amend the scope of Regulation 49 without incrementing the series of amendments (49.06). Since this change in scope is a fundamental change, OICA expects such a change of scope to increment the series of amendments.
- The proposal includes the requirements from Regulation (EC) 692/2008 which apply
 uniquely to Multi-Stage Type Approvals. Although there is no Multi-Stage approval
 process under the 1958 agreement, this text is required for EU application of the
 regulation and should therefore be retained.
- The proposal includes the allowance to extend the scope downwards to 2380 kg
 Reference Mass. As this allowance will be first introduced into the European Union
 through the yet to be published "Euro VI co-decision Act", OICA suggests it is
 premature to include this in this series of amendments.

A detailed assessment of OICA's concerns is attached as Appendix 1.

As the majority of the concerns with this paper surround the issue of the scope, and the Commission's own Communication ⁽¹⁾ indicates that the new reference mass limit that defines the scope of the Regulation may be incorrect, OICA would like to question whether this needs to be altered in ECE R49.

Considering that the scope of emissions and CO2 legislation in the European Union is still unresolved (the new CO2 Regulation will apply to all M1 vehicles) OICA proposes to leave the scope of Regulation 49 unchanged.

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⁽¹⁾ see Official Journal of the European Union, C182, 19.7.2008, p.17 (see point 11).

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In conclusion, taking into account all these comments, OICA suggests that the European Commission should, before this proposal can be finally adopted by WP.29, review these with all interested parties, including industry, in order to come up with a final, correct document that can be adopted.

Appendix 1 – Detailed comments:

Item	Page	Reference	Comment
1	1	Proposal for amendments to the 06 series of amendments to Regulation No. 49	OICA proposes not to amend the scope,
		(Emissions of C.I. and P.I. (NG and LPG) engines)	however, if the scope is to be amended it
			raises the question whether it is fitting to
			change the scope of a Regulation without
			incrementing the series of amendments? ,
2	2	At the request of the manufacturer, the type approval of a completed vehicle given	Remark:
		under this Regulation shall be extended to its incomplete vehicle with a reference	OICA knows of no process of multi stage
		mass below 2,610 kg. Type approvals shall be extended if the manufacturer can	vehicle approval in ECE legislation, and
		demonstrate that all bodywork combinations expected to be built onto the incomplete	therefore the concept of "incomplete
		vehicle increase the reference mass of the vehicle to above 2,610 kg.	vehicles" appears meaningless here. This
			flexibility is however required for application
			of the Regulation in the EU.
3	2	At the request of the manufacturer, the type approval of a vehicle granted under this	This allowance will be a component of the
		Regulation shall be extended to its variants and versions with a reference mass above	Euro VI Codecision Act that has yet to be
		2,380 kg provided that it also meets the requirements relating to the measurement of	published and needs to be
		greenhouse gas emissions and fuel consumption.	interpreted/clarified in Comitology. Its
			inclusion here would create a discrepancy
			between EU and UN-ECE legislation.
			Therefore it would be advisable to await
			clarity of EU legislation before introducing
			this change.

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4	2 Table A: APPLICABILITY							• EU legislation no longer differentiates in the scope between different fuels,
		Vehicle Positive-ignition engines Compression-ignition engine						
		category 1/	Petrol	NG (a)	LPG (b)	Diesel	Ethanol	therefore the columns "Petrol", "NG",
		M_1	-	R49	R49	R49	R49	"LPG", "Diesel" and "Ethanol" and even
		M_2	-	R49	R49	R49 or R83 (c) (d)	R49	"Positive-ignition engines" and
		M_3	-	R49	R49	R49	R49	Compression-ignition engines" are all
		N_1	-	R49 or R83 (d)	R49 or R83 (d)	R49 or R83 (d)	R49	redundant.
		N_2	-	R49	R49	R49 or R83 (c) (d)	R49	• M1, M2, N1 and N2 vehicles could fall
		N_3	-	R49	R49	R49	R49	under R49 or R83 depending on their
							<u> </u>	reference weight and therefore the content
								of all cells in these rows would read "R49
								or R83".
								OICA proposes to leave the scope and
								therefore this table unchanged until the
								situation in the EU is clarified.
5	2 Regulation No. 83 applies only for vehicles with a reference mass $\leq 2,610 \text{ kg}$ as an extension of an approval given for a vehicle of categories M_1 or N_1 . $1/2$							This statement is incorrect. 715/2007 applies
								to all M1, M2, N1 and N2 vehicles $\leq 2,610$
								kg and may apply by extension to all M1, M2,
								N1 and N2 vehicles ≤ 2,840 kg

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6	N/A	N/A	What appears to be missing is the statement in
			2005/55/EC that vehicles approved to the
			light duty legislation are thereby exempt from
			the heavy duty legislation. This text was
			included in paper
			ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2009/57 in error and
			reads:
			"Equivalent approvals
			The following do not need to be approved
			according to this Regulation:
			engines mounted in vehicles of up to 2840kg
			reference mass to which an approval to
			Regulation 83 has been granted as an
			extension."
7	N/A	N/A	Another essential item that is missing from
			this proposal is the definition of "Reference
			Mass" which would be needed to define the
			scope but OICA proposes to leave the scope
			unchanged until the situation in the EU is
			clarified.