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REGULATION No. 48

(Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices)

Clarifications on installation requirements

Proposal for Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 2 to the 04 series of amendments to
Regulation No. 48

Submitted by the expert from Japan */

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Japan in order to clarify the text of Supplement 2 to the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 48. The modifications to the current text of the Regulation are marked in bold characters.

*/ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2006-2010 (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 12.18., amend to read:

"12.18. Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall continue to grant approvals to vehicle types which do not meet the requirements of **paragraph 5.2.1. of Supplement 2 to the 04 Series of amendments**, if they are fitted with headlamps approved to Regulation No. 98 (prior to Supplement 9) or Regulation No. 112 (prior to Supplement 8)."

B. JUSTIFICATION

The text of paragraph 12.18. of Supplement 2 to the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 48 can be misinterpreted to mean that vehicles that are fitted with headlamps approved prior to the requirement of paragraph 5.2.1. (to prevent discomfort to other road users when a vehicle is used in a country where vehicles operate on the opposite side of the road) do not need to meet all the requirements of Supplement 2 to the 04 series of amendments. For this reason, the requirement subject to the exemption needs to be clarified, similarly to the transitional provision of paragraph 12.17., by limiting the exemption to paragraph 5.2.1.
