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Proposal for Supplement 24 to the 02 Series of Regulation No. 7

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the International Automotive Lighting and Light Signalling Expert Group (GTB) to amend the requirements to clarify the "n-1 rule" provisions in relation to an interdependent lamp system. The modifications to the existing text of the Regulation are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters.

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I. Proposal

Paragraph 6.1.7.2., amend to read:

"6.1.7.2. The Single lamps shall comply with the minimum intensity required in the table of standard light distribution in space as shown in Annex 4 when any one light source has failed. However, for single lamps designed for only two light sources, 50 per cent of the minimum intensity in the axis of reference of the lamp shall be considered sufficient, provided that a note in the communication form states that the single lamp is only for use on a vehicle fitted with an operating tell-tale which indicates when any one of these two light sources has failed."

II. Justification

- 1. For an interdependent lamp system providing the rear position lamp function, partly installed on a fixed component and partly installed on a movable component of the vehicle, the individual interdependent lamp on the fixed component shall meet outboard geometric visibility, colorimetric and photometry requirement when the movable component is opened. However, the "n-1 rule" requirement should only apply to the entire interdependent lamp system and should not be applied to each interdependent lamp of the system.
- 2. Although paragraph 6.1.7. clearly refers to a "single lamp" and this implies that its subparagraphs shall also relate to "single lamps" the proposed amendment of paragraph 6.1.7.2. is necessary to remove the possibility of different interpretations being applied by some type approval authorities.

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