Proposal for amendments to Regulation No. 55

I. Proposal

Paragraph 3.2.3., amend to read:

"3.2.3. A statement of the values of D, Dc, S, V and U as applicable and as defined in paragraph 2.11.

For towing devices intended for M1 or N1 vehicle, a statement of the maximum permissible towing vehicle and trailer masses and the maximum permissible static vertical imposed load on the tow ball as advised by the manufacturer of the towing vehicle; if the value for the maximum permissible towable mass is zero or no value declared by vehicle manufacturer, the application for approval shall be refused."

II. Justification

Throughout the text of Regulation No 55 there are several mentions to the values declared by the vehicle manufacturer, but there is no a clear instruction about what to do if no values are declared or the declared maximum vertical value is zero.

With the attached sentence, the decision process is clear for Technical Services and Approval Authorities.