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PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 50

(Position, stop, direction-indicator lamps for motorcycles)

Transmitted by the expert from Japan

Note: The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Japan in order to enable the application by Japan of Regulation No. 50 excluding the provisions for rear-registration-plate illuminating devices. The suggested amendments to the current text of the Regulations are marked in **bold** characters.

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A. PROPOSAL

Add a new paragraph 14.3., to read:

"14.3. Japan declares that it will adopt the provisions for lighting and light-signalling lamps (for mopeds and motor cycles) including front position lamps, rear position lamps, stop lamps, and direction indicators, but excluding rear-registration-plate illuminating devices described in paragraph 7.10."

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B. JUSTIFICATION

In order to promote further harmonization of regulations, Japan desires to adopt Regulation No. 50 and achieve the reciprocal recognition of approvals.

However, the photometric requirements for rear-registration-plate illuminating devices set forth in Regulation No. 50 differ from those in Japanese standards.

The brightness of rear-registration-plate illuminating devices specified in the Japanese photometric requirements is two-times greater than that required by Regulation No. 50.

The result of a study commissioned by JASIC and conducted by JATA with the cooperation of the National Police Agency has shown that rear-registration-plate illuminating devices conforming to Regulation No. 50 are not desirable from the standpoint of crime prevention. Accordingly, Japan proposes these draft amendments to enable Japan to adopt the provisions of Regulation No. 50 except for rear-registration-plate illuminating devices.
