

PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 70  
(Rear marking plates for heavy and long vehicles)

Note: The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Italy in order to supplement the proposal by Poland contained in TRANS/WP.29/GRE/2004/20.

**A. PROPOSAL**

Paragraphs 13.4. and 13.6., should be deleted (see proposal from Poland).

Paragraphs 13.5., 13.7. and 13.8 (former), renumber as paragraphs 13.4., 13.5. and 13.6. respectively (see proposal from Poland).

Paragraph 13.9. (former), renumber as paragraph 13.7. and amend to read:

"13.7 Upon the expiration of a period of 48 months after the date of entry into force of Supplement 3 to the 01 series of amendments, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may prohibit the fitting on new registered vehicles of rear marking plates which do not meet the requirements of this Regulation as amended by Supplement 3 to the 01 series of amendments ~~on a new vehicle, for which national type or individual approval was granted more than 24 months after the entry into force of Supplement 3 to the 01 series of amendments to this Regulation.~~ "

Annex 10, paragraph 2., amend to read: (see proposal from Poland)

"2. When tested as described in paragraph 1. above, the maximum deflection of the plate under the test load shall not exceed one twentieth of the distance ..... "

**B. JUSTIFICATION**

Italy supports the proposal by Poland contained in TRANS/WP.29/GRE/2004/20. However, we believe that transitional provisions to Regulation No. 70 should be further simplified taking into account that rear plates are not devices required for vehicle type approval (according to Regulation No. 48), but are normally fitted for circulation purposes and subject to controls during periodical technical inspection or road-side checks.

The present wording of paragraph 13.9. allows Contracting Parties to forbid the use of "flexible plates" for vehicles belonging to a type of vehicle "for which national type approval or individual approval was granted more than 24 months after the entry into force of Supplement 3 to the 01 series of amendments to this Regulation. (namely 12.09.2005)".

This kind of control is not easy to be made during a periodical inspection since it would require to check the vehicle's approval documentation. Therefore, it is suggested to fix a simpler criteria which is represented by the date of vehicle registration. This date can easily be checked on the vehicle registration document.

Considering that the above paragraph 13.9. is applicable from 12.9.2005, it would be suitable that GRE adopts this proposal during the present session possibly by means of a corrigendum.

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