

Proposed amendments to the proposal for 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 48

Transmitted by the representative of Japan

Note: The text below was prepared by the experts of Japan in order to suggest possible counter-proposal to the footnote 8/ marked with strikethrough, based on ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2006/88, which is submitted to WP.29 and AC.1 for the final decision. The new text is bold.

A. Proposal

Paragraphs 6.19., 6.19.1. and footnote 8/, amend to read:

"6.19. DAYTIME RUNNING LAMP (Regulation No. 87) ~~8/~~ **[8/]**

6.19.1. Presence

Mandatory on motor vehicles. Prohibited on trailers.

~~8/ — The presence of this device (as specified in paragraph 5.22.) may be forbidden on the basis of national regulations.—"~~

8/ The Contracting Parties not applying Regulation No. 87 may prohibit the presence of DRL (as specified in paragraph 5.22.) on the basis of national regulations.

B. Justification

- It is essential to facilitate harmonization of technical regulations by UNECE, and Japan fully support this concept under the 1958 Agreement. However, it is also important to take into consideration each Contracting Party's environmental or road traffic conditions.
- As reported by GRE-53-8, Regulation No. 87 DRL intensity is not appropriate in Japanese current road and environmental traffic conditions in view of impairment of conspicuity of motorcycles, or possible glare. Japan has not yet adopted Regulation No. 87 with the current intensity.
- Therefore, Japan propose that the footnote should be amended so that Regulation No. 87, DRL mandatory presence and its installation requirements would only be applied to the Contracting Parties applying the Regulation which recognize the safety benefits in their own nations.
- The only pertinent message in this footnote should be that Contracting Parties who do not apply Regulation No. 87 are allowed to prohibit the presence of lamps described by Regulation No. 87.
