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COLLECTIVE AMENDMENTS

Regulations Nos. 69, 70 and 104

Proposal for draft amendments to Regulation No. 70

(Rear-marking plates for heavy and long vehicles)

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the experts from CLEPA in order to propose an editorial clarification, a new value, and a new tolerance parameter for the water/wash solution flow rate. The proposal for draft amendments is based on document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/2006/40, tabled by India. The modifications to ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/2006/40 are marked in bold characters.
A. PROPOSAL

Annex 8

Paragraph 7.2.1. amend to read:

"7.2.1. When subjected to a continuous spraying action for 60 seconds on the test component in its normal mounting conditions, a test sample shall show no damage to the retro-reflective surface or delamination from the substrate or separation from the sample mounting surface under the following set-up parameters:

(a) Water/wash solution pressure 8 ± 0.2 MPa;
(b) Water/wash solution temperature 60° - 5 °C;
(c) Water/wash solution flow rate 7 ± 1 l/min;
(d) The tip of the cleaning wand to be positioned at distance of 600 ± 20 mm away from the retro-reflective surface;
(e) Cleaning wand to be held at no greater angle than 45 degrees from perpendicular to the retro-reflective surface;
(f) 40 degree nozzle creating wide fan pattern."

B. JUSTIFICATION

This proposal introduces a new value for the "water/wash solution flow rate" and a new tolerance parameter to ensure that uniform test results are obtained during performance testing of retro-reflective materials by different Contracting Parties.

This proposal augments the draft proposals introduced by India during the fifty-seventh session of GRE to amend Regulation No. 69 (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/2006/39) and Regulation No. 70 (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/2006/40), and aligns these requirements with Supplement 3 to Regulation No. 104 (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2006/66) adopted by the World Forum (WP.29) at its June 2006 session.