Proposal for amendments to Regulation No. 48

Note: The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Canada and proposes to introduce allowance for DRL to remain OFF under certain conditions.

A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 6.19.7., amend to read:

"6.19.7. Electrical connections

The daytime running lamps shall be switched ON automatically when the device which starts and/or stops the engine is in a position which makes it possible for the engine to operate.

The daytime running lamps may remain switched OFF, if the transmission control is in the park or neutral position or the parking brake is applied.

The daytime running lamps shall switch OFF automatically when the headlamps are switched ON, except when the latter are used to give intermittent luminous warnings at short intervals.

Furthermore, the lamps referred to in paragraph 5.11. are not switched on when the daytime running lamps are switched ON."

B. JUSTIFICATION

There are situations where daytime running lamps would be superfluous and their illumination would only contribute to pollution by drawing power from the vehicle's propulsion system.

Similar provision with regard to dipped beam headlamp is also proposed in document …/WP.29/2007/20/Rev.1/Amend.1. on present agenda of GRE.