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REGULATION No. 107
(M2 and M3 vehicles)

Proposal for further amendments

Submitted by the expert from Germany ^{*/}

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Germany, in order to get clearer the definitions in the Regulation. It is based on informal document No. GRSG-93-26 distributed during the ninety-third session of the Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG) (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/72, para. 8). The modifications to the current text of the Regulation are marked in **bold** or ~~strikethrough~~ characters.

^{*/} In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2006-2010 (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

A. PROPOSAL

Paragraphs 2.1.1.1. to 2.1.2.2., amend to read:

- 2.1.1.1. "Class I": vehicles ~~constructed with areas for standing passengers, to allow frequent passenger movement~~ **with seats and with provisions for standing passengers throughout the available floor area.**
- 2.1.1.2. "Class II": vehicles ~~constructed principally for the carriage of seated passengers, and designed to allow the carriage of~~ **with seats and with provisions for standing passengers in limited to** the gangway and/or ~~in~~ an area which does not exceed the space provided for two double seats.
- 2.1.1.3. "Class III": vehicles ~~constructed exclusively for the carriage of seated passengers~~ **with seats and with no provisions for standing passengers.**
- 2.1.1.4. A vehicle may be regarded as belonging in more than one Class. In such a case it may be approved for each Class to which it corresponds.
- 2.1.2. For vehicles having a capacity not exceeding 22 passengers in addition to the driver, there are two classes of vehicles.
- 2.1.2.1. "Class A": vehicles ~~designed to carry standing passengers; a vehicle of this class has~~ **with seats and shall have provision with provisions** for standing passengers.
- 2.1.2.2. "Class B": vehicles ~~not designed to carry standing passengers; a vehicle of this class has~~ **with seats and with no provision provisions** for standing passengers."

B. JUSTIFICATION

The Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP) is currently reviewing the scope of Regulations Nos. 14, 16 and 17, regarding the fitting of safety belts into buses and coaches. In the course of this action, it transpired that the actual definitions of the classes are not clear enough. Therefore, GRSG was asked to clarify the definitions (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/41, para. 33) and the expert from Germany volunteered to submit a proposal to GRSG. The definitions are now based on design characteristics only.

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