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(M₂ M₃ vehicles)

Requirements for service doors, windows and emergency exits

Proposal for amendments to the Regulation

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA) in order to make the door control readily accessible to a person descending a stair well. The modifications to the current text of the Regulation are marked in **bold** 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

Annex 3, paragraph 7.6.7.3., amend to read:

"7.6.7.3. Every control or device for opening an emergency door (on the lower deck in the case of a double deck vehicle) from the outside shall be between 1,000 mm and 1,500 mm from the ground and not more than 500 mm from the door. In vehicles of Classes I, II and III every control or device for opening an emergency door from the inside shall be between 1,000 mm and 1,500 mm from the upper surface of the floor or step nearest to the control and be not more than 500 mm from the door. This shall not apply to controls located within the driver's area. **Alternatively, the control for opening a power-operated door referred to in paragraph 7.6.7.2. may be placed according to paragraph 7.6.5.1.2.**"

B. JUSTIFICATION

In the case of a high deck vehicle, the height of the control between 1,000 and 1,500 mm from the nearest step to the control is too low for a person descending a stair well to access the emergency door. The proposal permits the placing of the control in the same position as a control for opening a service door in the event of an emergency so that the control is readily accessible to a person descending a stair well.
