REGULATION No. 73 (Lateral Protection Devices)

Amendment to ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2009/18

A. PROPOSAL

Parts I and III

Paragraphs 13.1.5 (and 16.1.5 which has identical text), amend to read:

“13.1.5 On a vehicle fitted with a crane for loading, unloading or other operations for which the vehicle is designed, where the movement or stowage of the crane renders it impracticable to fit LPD, shall be fitted with LPD that comply so far as is practicable with all the requirements of paragraph 12. Strict compliance may be waived only where operational requirements make this necessary. Rendering it impracticable to comply with all the requirements of paragraph 12, the LPD may be arranged with additional gaps where these are necessary to permit the movement or stowage of the crane.”

B. JUSTIFICATION

Whilst in principle we have no objections to a derogation being introduced for vehicles fitted with a crane, we consider that the current proposal could be applied inconsistently by Type Approval authorities. We therefore suggest the above text (based largely on the approach taken in paragraph 13.1.3) to improve the precision of the requirement.