Proposal for Supplement 17 to the 04 series of amendments, Supplement 10 to the 05 series of amendments and Supplement 8 to the 06 series of amendments to Regulation No. 48

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I. Proposal

Paragraph 6.21.1.2.4., to read:

“6.21.1.2.4. If the exterior surfaces of the bodywork are partially constituted of flexible material, this line marking shall be installed on (a) rigid part(s) of the vehicle. The remaining portion of conspicuity markings may be fitted on the flexible material. However, if the exterior surfaces of the bodywork are constituted fully of flexible material, requirements of paragraph 6.21.1.2.4. shall be met. The line marking may be fitted on the flexible material.”

II. Justification

1. The proposed changes aim to improve the text of Regulation No. 48, paragraph 6.21.1.2.4., to clarify the conditions for the application of this paragraph without changing the intention of the requirement.

2. In principle, this amendment is proposed for introduction in all the applicable series of amendments (04, 05 and 06), in order to avoid different application of the paragraph depending on the series of amendments used. However, as the 04 series of amendment is no longer applicable to new type approvals, it has to be decided whether it is still necessary to introduce the proposed changes into the 04 series of amendments.