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Agreement

Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be Fitted and/or be Used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of these Prescriptions*

(Revision 2, including the amendments which entered into force on 16 October 1995)

Addendum 54: Regulation No. 55

Revision 1 – Amendment 2

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Uniform provisions concerning the approval of mechanical coupling components of combinations of vehicles



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Insert a new paragraph 2.16., to read:

"2.16. "Secondary coupling device" means a chain, wire rope, etc., fitted to a Class B coupling head as defined in paragraph 2.6.2., capable in the event of separation of the main coupling, of preventing the trailer drawbar from touching the ground and providing some residual steering action on the trailer."

Annex 1,

Insert a new paragraph 9.4., to read:

"9.4. For class B coupling heads, is the coupling head intended to be fitted to an unbraked O₁ trailer: Yes/No²"

Annex 5,

Paragraph 1.5., amend to read:

"1.5. Manufacturers of towing brackets shall incorporate attachment points to which either secondary couplings or devices necessary to enable the trailer to be stopped automatically in the event of separation of the main coupling, may be attached."

Paragraph 2.1., amend to read:

"2.1. Coupling heads of Class B50 ... retain the prescribed characteristics.

Coupling heads, for a tractive force up to 800 kg and intended to be fitted to unbraked O₁ trailers, shall be fitted with a secondary coupling device or at least attachment point(s) to permit the connection of a secondary coupling device(s). The attachment point(s) shall be positioned such that when in use, the secondary coupling device(s) does not restrict the normal articulation of the coupling.

Coupling heads shall be designed ... the wear of the coupling devices."

Annex 6,

insert a new paragraph 3.2.4., to read:

"3.2.4. The secondary coupling device(s) attachment point(s) referred to in Annex 5, paragraph 2.1. shall withstand a static force equivalent to 2D with a maximum of 15 kN."
