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PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 98

(Headlamps with gas-discharge light sources)

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Note: The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the United Kingdom, in order to clarify the situation of the headlamp markings for harmonized driving beam. This document amends document TRANS/WP.29/GRE/2003/34, notably paragraphs 4.2.2.4., 4.2.2.5. and annex 1, footnote 3/. The modified text is marked in bold characters.

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A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 4.2.2.4., amend to read:

"4.2.2.4. on headlamps meeting the requirements of this Regulation in respect of the driving beam only, the letter "DR"; or on headlamps meeting the requirements of the worldwide harmonized driving beam specified in tables A and B in annex 3, the letter "DWR";"

Paragraph 4.2.2.5., amend to read:

"4.2.2.5. on headlamps meeting the requirements of this Regulation in respect of both the passing beam and the driving beam, the letters "DCR"; or on headlamps meeting the requirements of the worldwide harmonized driving beam specified in tables A and B in annex 3, the letter "DCWR";"

Annex 1, footnote 3/, add the markings "DWR, DWR PL," and "DCWR, DCWR PL" to the existing list.

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B. JUSTIFICATION

The current proposal for markings on the harmonized driving beam suggests WR for driving beam in Regulation No. 112 and DH in the Regulation No. 98. Under the adaptive front-lighting system (AFS) the lettering would probably be XWR or XH. There is no obvious pattern to follow.

It would not be desirable to use a large number of letters but for motorcycles Regulation No. 113 has set a precedent with such combinations as WCR-DS.

For that reason, it might be preferable to give a more intuitive system:

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This would also admit the possibility of mixing harmonised driving beam with non-harmonised passing beam in the same headlamp – i.e. HCWR.

The W appears before the beam type(s) which it refers to.