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REGULATION No. 48
(Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices)

Proposal for Corrigendum 1 to the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 48

Submitted by the expert from the European Commission (EC) */

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from EC to re-introduce former transitional provisions concerning the 03 series of amendments. The proposal is based on the current text of the Regulation including the 04 series of amendments. The modifications to the current text of the Regulation No. 48 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.

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Paragraph 12. amend to read:

12. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

12.1. Notwithstanding the transitional provisions below, Contracting Parties whose application of this Regulation comes into force after the date of entry into force of the most recent series of amendments are not obliged to accept approvals which were granted in accordance with any of the preceding series of amendments to this Regulation.

12.2. Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not refuse to grant extensions of approvals to the preceding series of amendments to this Regulation.

12.3. Until the United Nations Secretary-General is notified otherwise, Japan declares that in relation to the installation of lighting and light signalling devices, Japan will only be bound by the obligations of the Agreement to which this Regulation is annexed with respect to vehicles of categories M1 and N1.

12.4. As from the official date of entry into force of the 03 series of amendments, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant approval under this Regulation as amended by the 03 series of amendments.

12.5. As from 12 months after the date of entry into force of the 03 series of amendments, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall grant approvals only if the vehicle type to be approved meets the requirements of this Regulation as amended by the 03 series of amendments.

12.6. Until 36 months after the date of entry into force of the 03 series of amendments to this Regulation, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse national or regional type approval of a vehicle type approved to the preceding series of amendments to this Regulation.

12.7. Starting 36 months after the entry into force of the 03 series of amendments to this Regulation, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may refuse first national or regional registration (first entry into service) of a vehicle which does not meet the requirements of the 03 series of amendments to this Regulation.

12.8. As from 60 months after the date of entry into force of the 03 series of amendments to this Regulation, approvals to this Regulation shall cease to be valid, except in the case of vehicle types which comply with the requirements of this Regulation as amended by the 03 series of amendments.

12.9. Notwithstanding paragraph 12.7. or 12.8., approvals of the vehicle types to the preceding series of amendments to the Regulation which are not affected by
the 03 series of amendments shall remain valid and Contracting Parties applying the Regulation shall continue to accept them.

12.10. As from 36 months from the entry into force of Supplement 3 to the 03 series of amendments, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall grant approvals only if the vehicle type to be approved meets the requirements of this Regulation as amended by Supplement 3 to the 03 series of amendments.

12.11. As from the official date of entry into force of the 04 series of amendments, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant ECE approval under this Regulation as amended by the 04 series of amendments.

12.12. As from 30 months for vehicles of categories M₁ and N₁ and 48 months for vehicles of other categories after the official date of entry into force of the 04 series of amendments, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall grant ECE approvals only if the vehicle type to be approved meets the requirements of this Regulation as amended by the 04 series of amendments.

12.13. Until 30 months for vehicles of categories M₁ and N₁ and 48 months for vehicles of other categories after the official date of entry into force of the 04 series of amendments, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall continue to grant approvals to those types of vehicles which comply with the requirements of this Regulation as amended by the preceding series of amendments.

12.14. ECE approvals granted under this Regulation before 30 months for vehicles of categories M₁ and N₁ and 48 months for vehicles of other categories after the official date of entry into force of the 04 series of amendments and all extensions of such approvals, including those to a preceding series of amendments to this Regulation granted subsequently, shall remain valid indefinitely. When the vehicle type approved to the preceding series of amendments meets the requirements of this Regulation as amended by the 04 series of amendments, the Contracting Party which granted the approval shall notify the other Contracting Parties applying this Regulation thereof.

12.15. No Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse national type approval of a vehicle type approved to the 04 series of amendments to this Regulation.

12.16. Until 30 months for vehicles of categories M₁ and N₁ and 48 months for vehicles of other categories after the official date of entry into force of the 04 series of amendments, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may refuse first national registration (first entry into service) of a vehicle which does not meet the requirements of the 03 series of amendments to this Regulation.

B. JUSTIFICATION

The proposal aims at reintroducing the former transitional provisions concerning the 03 series of amendments erroneously deleted by the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 48
(ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2006/88), at introducing some editorial corrections and a more logical sequence of the provisions.