

PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 26
(External projections)

A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 6.8.1 amend to read

Sheet-metal edges, such as gutter edges and the rails of sliding doors, shall not be permitted unless they are folded back or are fitted with a shield meeting the requirements of this Regulation which are applicable to it. An unprotected edge shall be considered to be folded back either if it is folded back by approximately 180 degrees, or if it is folded towards the bodywork in such a manner that it cannot be contacted by a sphere having a diameter of 100 mm.

The requirements of paragraph 5.4 shall not apply to the following sheet metal edges : rear edge of bonnet, front edge of rear luggage boot and wheel arch edge.

B. JUSTIFICATION

Some sheet-metal edges can be considered as not dangerous due to their location (edges not likely to increase the risk or seriousness of bodily injury)

Through the years the interpretations have been developed and it has been agreed by different Approval Authorities that parts such as rear edge of bonnet, front edge of rear luggage boot and wheel arch edges are in compliance with the requirements of Regulation No. 26 as last amended, if they comply with the requirements applicable for sheet-metal edges (paragraph 6.8.1.)

The purpose of this proposal is to define these parts and to specify that only the requirements of paragraph 6.8.1 are applicable to these parts.

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