

AMENDMENTS TO DOCUMENT ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2006/107

Transmitted by the representative of the European Communities

A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 7.6.11.1., amend the proposed text to read:

~~"7.6.11.1. Each emergency exit shall be marked, inside and outside the vehicle, by the symbol reproduced in Annex 4, figure 29. An additional symbol (e.g. arrow), indicating where to find the emergency exit, may be added."~~

"7.6.11.1. Each emergency exit shall be marked, inside and outside the vehicle, by an inscription reading "Emergency Exit" and supplemented, where appropriate, by one of the relevant pictograms described in ISO Standard 7010:2003."

Annex 4, the inserted figure 29, should be deleted

B. JUSTIFICATION

There have been extensive discussions at GRSG about the relevance for moving from an inscription to a pictogram to identify the emergency exits in buses and coaches. The key-point was to agree on which symbol would be the most appropriate to replace the inscription "Emergency Exit" to be affixed on each emergency exit (i.e. door, windows and roof hatches). The essential condition was to make sure that there would be no misunderstanding about the meaning of the symbol (i.e. the pictogram).

The discussions were not conclusive. As a consequence, the proposed text would impose a symbol (Re: Figure 29 in Annex IV) which is commonly used in buildings to show the route to find exits. This symbol will in no case indicate that a lateral window is an emergency exit and it may be broken.

While the European Commission had proposed a new pictogram in its document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2006/23, it has not been adopted because it was not included in the relevant ISO Standard.

Because of the importance for rescuers and for passengers, obliged to leave the vehicle in a critical situation, to identify quickly where emergency exits are located, it is proposed to keep the text as in the current Regulation 107. That means maintaining the obligation to mark each emergency exit with the inscription "Emergency Exit" but offering the opportunity to add a symbol where appropriate (that would be the case for emergency doors). In such cases, a clarification has been added that any pictogram which is used as supplement must be in compliance with ISO standards to ensure a wide understanding.