PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 13
AND REGULATION No. 13-H

A. PROPOSAL

Regulation N°13, paragraph 12.2.4., amend to read:

"12.2.4. Until 48 months after the date of entry into force of the 10 series of amendments to this Regulation, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may shall continue to grant ECE approvals to Supplement 3 to the 10 series of amendments to this Regulation."

Regulation N°13H, paragraph 12., amend to read:

"12. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

12.1. Until 24 months after the date of entry into force of Supplement 5 to the original version of this Regulation, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may shall continue to grant ECE approvals to the un-amended Regulation."

B. JUSTIFICATION

GRRF in its 60th session adopted some transitional provisions inspired from the guidelines for transitional provisions (document TRANS/WP.29/1044).

It was agreed to link the deletion of vehicles of category M1 from the scope of UNECE R13 with the dates of application of the 10th series of amendments to UNECE R13, via a new Supplement 4. The benefits of such decision was to give the Industry a sufficient lead time to accommodate the new prescriptions (including the amendments adopted at GRRF-60 in parallel to the deletion of the M1 category) and to properly perform the switch over.

Further thoughts however revealed that the wording “may” could dramatically jeopardise the benefits of the GRRF decision, as there is the risk that some countries would continue to grant approvals, while others would refuse. This would endanger the whole process of the clarification of the scopes. The correction proposed above would also be in line with the general transitional provisions - V.4 of TRANS/WP29/1044.

The amendment to UNECE R13H permits to adequately synchronise the transfer of categories between UNECE R13 and R13H.