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Regulation No. 66

(Strength of the superstructure)

Proposal for draft amendments to Regulation No. 66

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Spain in order to align the scope of Regulation No. 66 with that of Annex IV of the European Union (EU) Directive 2001/85/EC. It is based on informal document No. GRSG-92-31, distributed during the ninety-second session of the Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG) (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/71, para. 3) proposing modifications to the text of document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2007/2. The proposed modifications are marked in **bold** or ~~strike through~~ characters.

A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 1., amend to read (including the insertion of a reference to footnote 1/ and the corresponding footnote 1/):

"1. SCOPE

1.1. This Regulation applies to single-deck rigid or articulated vehicles belonging to Classes II or III 1/. ~~designed and constructed for the carriage of more than 22 passengers, whether seated or standing, in addition to the driver and crew.~~

1.2. At the request of the manufacturer, approvals for **single-deck rigid or articulated** vehicles belonging to Classes ~~I, A or B~~ 1/ **other than II or III**, shall ~~may~~ be granted provided they comply with the prescriptions stated in this Regulation. **Contracting Parties are not obliged to accept the approvals granted in accordance with this paragraph.**

1/ As defined in Annex 7 to the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of vehicles (R.E.3), (document TRANS/WP.29/78/Rev.1/Amend.2 as last amended by Amend.4)."

Paragraph 4.4.1., the reference to footnote 1/ and footnote 1/, renumber as footnote 2/ and amend to read:

"2/ 1 for Germany, 10 for Serbia, 50 for Malta, 51 for the Republic of Korea, 52 for Malaysia, 53 for Thailand and 56 for Montenegro. Subsequent numbers shall be assigned "

B. JUSTIFICATION

This proposal aims at aligning the scope of Regulation No. 66 with that of Annex IV of the European Union (EU) Directive 2001/85/EC. In addition, it allows granting type approvals to other classes of vehicles not covered by the mandatory scope of the Regulation, at the request of the manufacturer in order to guarantee a higher safety level.

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