Proposed amendments to the draft global technical regulation concerning hand controls, tell-tales and indicators present on Category 1 and 2 vehicles

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A. PROPOSAL

Modifying the following paragraphs:

4.1.1. The controls, listed in Table 1, to be used by a driver while driving the vehicle shall be located so that they are operable by the driver under the conditions set out in paragraph 4.6.2.

4.1.2. The tell-tales and indicators listed in Table 1, and their identification symbols shall be located so that they are visible to a driver under the conditions set out in paragraphs 4.6.1. and 4.6.2., during daylight and night time driving. Tell-tales, indicators and their identification symbols need not be visible when not activated.

4.4.4. Each symbol used for the identification of a tell-tale, control or indicator shall be in a colour that stands out clearly against the background except the symbol for a horn control activated by the driver pressing on the centre of the face plane of the steering wheel.

B. JUSTIFICATION

4.1.1. and 4.1.2. The proposal is intended to ensure that a driver has access to controls used for the driving while driving the vehicle. The access should not only be limited to the ones included in Table 1 especially if Table 1 incorporates a limited number of items. Also the text would follow the text of the UNECE Regulation No. 121.

4.4.4. Since at present time all drivers are accustomed to have the audible signal control located in the centre of the steering wheel, it seems not necessary to have the symbol contrasting in colour from the background.