Proposal for draft amendments to Regulation No. 13:

Vehicle Stability Function Failure Warning

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from CLEPA to require that motor vehicles equipped with a stability control function utilise the yellow failure warning signal when a failure of the stability control function is present.

A. PROPOSAL

Annex 21, paragraph 2.1.5, amend to read:

"2.1.5. A vehicle stability function failure or defect shall be detected and indicated to the driver by the specific yellow optical warning signal referred to in paragraph 5.2.1.29.1.2. of this Regulation.

The warning signal shall be constant and remain displayed as long as the failure or defect persists and the ignition (start) switch is in the 'on' (run) position."

B. JUSTIFICATION

The current text within paragraph 2.1.5. of Annex 21 to ECE Regulation No. 13 makes reference to paragraph 5.2.1.29. of the Regulation which refers to both the yellow and red warning signals. However, a failure within the stability control system not associated with the braking system would not influence the performance of the braking system therefore it is appropriate to require that such failures only illuminate the yellow warning. Should a failure or defect be present which does impact on the braking system and the stability control system then the relevant requirements associated with failures within the electric control transmission or anti-lock braking system would apply and the appropriate warning signals illuminated.

This change would also align the requirements for motor vehicles with those already defined for trailers in paragraph 5.2.2.17.1.