Emergency Stop Signal

Proposal for amendments to Regulation No. 13

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA) in order to improve the wording of the prescriptions for regenerative braking. It supersedes document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/2009/14/Rev.1 that aligns the provisions of Regulation No. 13 with the proposed text of ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/2009/2/Rev.1. The modifications to the existing text of the Regulation are marked in bold characters or as strikethrough.

A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 5.2.1.30.6., amend to read (inserting also a reference to the existing footnote 10/):

"5.2.1.30.6. Electric regenerative braking systems as defined in paragraph 2.21., which produce a retarding force upon release of the throttle pedal, accelerator control, shall not generate a signal mentioned above may only generate the signal mentioned above at decelerations above those defined in the following table:

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<th>Vehicle category</th>
<th>Signal generation</th>
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<td>N1</td>
<td>1.3 m/s²</td>
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<td>All other categories</td>
<td>1.0 m/s²</td>
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However, once the signal has been generated, it shall be de-activated at the latest when the deceleration has fallen below 0.7 m/s². 10/

10/ At the time of type approval, compliance with this requirement shall be confirmed by the vehicle manufacturer."

B. JUSTIFICATION

The Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF) agreed at its sixty-fifth session to defer to the sixty-sixth session a full discussion about deceleration thresholds for the generation of the stop lamp signal due to activation of the Electric Regenerative Braking (ERB). This document is aimed at clarifying the provisions about the generation of the Electric Regenerative Braking, taking into account the comments received at the sixty-fifth session of GRRF. One of the main comments was indeed seeking the possibility of harmonizing the activation and de-activation thresholds between light and heavy vehicles. This can be achieved for the de-activation threshold. Yet the activation threshold needs to be different for some commercial vehicles:
Having a threshold of 1.3 m/s² for heavy vehicles (M2, M3, N2, N3) is too high as the driving pattern of these vehicles is different to those of light vehicles (M1, N1). Such a threshold would mean the stop lamps would illuminate infrequently.

The value of 1.0 m/s² aligns with the illumination threshold already defined for endurance brakes (see paragraph 5.2.1.30.2.1.)

It is proposed above to align the N1 category in UNECE R13 on the value already adopted for the M1 and N1 categories in UNECE R13-H. This is reasonable because a lot of N1 vehicles are derived from passenger cars and are not expected to be equipped with an endurance braking.