Proposal for draft Corrigendum 2 to the 01 series of Regulation No. 123

I. Proposal

Paragraph 13, introduce a new paragraph 13.2 and renumber subsequent paragraphs as follows:

"13. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

13.1. From the date of entry into force of the 01 series of amendments to this Regulation, no Contracting Party applying it shall refuse to grant approvals under this Regulation as amended by the 01 series of amendments.

13.2 Until 60 months after the date of entry into force of the 01 series of amendments to this Regulation with regard to the changes introduced by the 01 series of amendments concerning the photometric testing procedures involving the use of the spherical coordinate system and the specification of luminous intensity values, and in order to allow the Technical Services (test laboratories) to update their testing equipment, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant approvals under this Regulation as amended by the 01 series of amendments where existing testing equipment is used with suitable conversion of the values, to the satisfaction of the authority responsible for type approval.

13.3. As from 60 months after the date of entry into force of the 01 series of amendments, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall grant approvals only if the headlamp meets the requirements of this Regulation as amended by the 01 series of amendments.

13.4. Existing approvals for headlamps already granted under this Regulation before the date of entry into force of the 01 series of amendments shall remain valid indefinitely.

13.5. Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not refuse to grant extensions of approvals to the preceding series to this Regulation"

II. Justification

The 01 series of amendments to this Regulation introduced provisions for the spherical coordinate system, the specification of luminous intensity and the photometric measurements at reference luminous flux at approximately 13.2 volts. In order to allow time for the Technical Services (test laboratories) to update their testing equipment, transitional provisions were introduced. Although these transitional provisions allowed type approvals to continue to be granted to the preceding series of amendments for a period of 60 months, they present a major problem in the case of the introduction of provisions relating to new technologies that will become supplements to the 01 series of amendments. In this case any new type approvals granted to the 01 series of amendments would automatically mean that the 60 months transitional period would be invalidated.

The corrigendum detailed above is intended to overcome this problem.