Proposal for Supplement 7 the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 48 (Installation of lighting and Light-signalling devices)

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from OICA in order to add a transitional provision for the automatic activation and deactivation of the main-beam. The modifications to the existing text of the Regulation are marked in bold characters.

I. Proposal

Insert a new paragraph 12.20., to read:

“12.20. As from 36 months from the entry into force of Supplement 7 to the 04 series of amendments, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall grant approvals only if the vehicle type to be approved meets the requirements of the paragraphs 6.1.7.1. to 6.1.7.2., 6.1.8.1. and 6.1.9.3. to 6.1.9.3.5. of this Regulation as amended by Supplement 7 to the 04 series of amendments.”

Paragraphs 12.20. to 12.27. (former), renumber as paragraphs 12.21. to 12.28.

II. Justification

Vehicles equipped with automatic activation and deactivation of the main-beam have already got type approvals and been on roads. And then, specific requirements are being provided. Manufacturers need time to develop the system to meet the new requirements. There was a similar situation that new technology was introduced first and then specific requirements were provided when ESS was regulated as Supplement 3 to the 03 series of amendments. At that time, a transitional provision was given as the paragraph 12.10. A transitional provision should be given to the requirements of automatic activation and deactivation of the main-beam as well as ESS.