OICA response to GRE-65-08

The United Kingdom raised in the informal document GRE-65-08 the question whether the existing wording regarding conspicuity marking does require marking the cabs of rigid vehicles.

This document aims to clarify that contour marking is not necessary for driving cabs, as it is already understood by authorities.

In the existing wording of ECE R48 the trucks of semi trailers are excluded from the requirement. It was the intention to have a clear signal image on the roads. The combination of trucks and semi trailers vary very often and would therefore not have a clear signal image. It was also the understanding of the truck manufacturers that marking the cabs of rigid vehicles is not required.

If they have to it will lead to the situation that 30% of the trucks (= truck with semi trailers) are not marked and 70% of the trucks (= tipper, rigid vehicle with other body etc.) are marked.

Furthermore marking of cabs would require that exemptions have to be defined. Attached examples are showing caps where marking of the cab is not possible.