Proposal for Supplement to Regulation No. 121
(identification of controls, tell-tales and indicators)

I. Proposal

Amend para 2.5, to read:

“2.5. "Tell-tale" means an optical signal that, when alight, indicates the actuation or deactivation of a device, a correct or defective functioning or condition, or a failure to function.”

II. Justification

There are already certain functions on a vehicle that can be temporary deactivated (passenger airbag, electronic stability control (ESC) system, etc) with proviso that the driver or the passenger should be aware of the function’s condition. Such tell-tales would have to be illuminated when the function is deactivated; hence amendment to the definition of “tell-tale” is needed.