Proposal for Supplement 2 to the 03 series of amendments to Regulation No. 26 (External projections of passenger cars)

Submitted by the Working Party on General Safety Provisions*

The text reproduced below was adopted by the Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG) at its 102nd session to align the provisions for bumpers of certain vehicle types with the performance requirements of the draft Regulation on pedestrian safety. It is based on document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2012/3, as reproduced in Annex II to the report (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/81, para. 12. It is submitted to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and to the Administrative Committee AC.1 for consideration.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2010–2014 (ECE/TRANS/208, para. 106 and ECE/TRANS/2010/8, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update regulations in order to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.
Add new paragraphs 2.11. and 2.12., to read:

"2.11. "Bumper" means the front or rear, lower, outer structure of a vehicle. It includes all structures that are intended to give protection to a vehicle when involved in a low speed frontal or rear collision and also any attachments to this structure.

2.12. "Bumper cover" means the non-rigid outer surface of a bumper, generally extending across the full width of the front or rear of a vehicle."

Add a new paragraph 6.5.4., to read:

"6.5.4. The requirement of paragraph 6.5.2. does not apply to the bumper cover. The provisions of paragraph 5. of this Regulation remain applicable."

Paragraph 7., amend to read:

"7. Modification of the vehicle type"

7.1. Every modification to an existing vehicle type shall be notified to the Type Approval Authority which approved the vehicle type. The Type Approval Authority shall then either:

(a) Decide, in consultation with the manufacturer, that a new type-approval is to be granted, or

(b) Apply the procedure contained in paragraph 7.1.1. (Revision) and, if applicable, the procedure contained in paragraph 7.1.2. (Extension).

7.1.1. Revision

When particulars recorded in the information folder have changed and the Type Approval Authority considers that the modifications made are unlikely to have an appreciable adverse effect and that in any case the vehicle still complies with the requirements, the modification shall be designated a "revision".

In such a case, the Type Approval Authority shall issue the revised pages of the information folder as necessary, marking each revised page to show clearly the nature of the modification and the date of re-issue. A consolidated updated version of the information folder, accompanied by a detailed description of the modification, shall be deemed to meet this requirement.

7.1.2. Extension

The modification shall be designated an “extension” if, in addition to the change of the particulars recorded in the information folder,

(a) Further inspections or tests are required, or

(b) Any information on the communication document (with the exception of its attachments) has changed, or

(c) Approval to a later series of amendments is requested after its entry into force.

7.2. Confirmation or refusal of approval, specifying the alterations shall be communicated by the procedure specified in paragraph 4.3. above to the Parties to the Agreement which apply this Regulation. In addition, the index to the information package, attached to the communication document, shall be
amended accordingly to show the date of the most recent revision or extension.”