

**Proposal for amendments to add Transitional Provisions  
to Regulation No. 51.03  
(Noise of M and N categories of vehicles)**

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA), in order to propose transitional provisions to be added to UNECE Regulation No. 51.03 (draft consolidated version presented in GRB/2012/8).

**I. Proposal**

*Para. 11*, delete paragraphs 11.1, 11.2, 11.3 and proposed para. 11.4.

*Insert new paragraphs 11.1 – 11.7*, to read:

- “11.1 As from the official date of entry into force of the 03 series of amendments to this Regulation, no Contracting Party applying this UNECE Regulation shall refuse to grant or refuse to accept UNECE type-approvals under this UNECE Regulation as amended by the 03 series of amendments.
- 11.2 As from [x] years after the date of entry into force of the 03 series of amendments, Contracting Parties applying this UNECE Regulation shall grant UNECE type-approvals only if the vehicle type to be approved meets the requirements of this UNECE Regulation as amended by the 03 series of amendments.
- 11.3 Contracting Parties applying this UNECE Regulation shall not refuse to grant extensions of UNECE type-approvals for existing types which have been issued according to the preceding series of amendments to this UNECE Regulation.
- 11.4 As from [x] years after the date of entry into force of the 03 series of amendments to this Regulation, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may continue granting for national or regional purposes, type approvals and extensions of type approvals to the previous series of amendments to this

Regulation.

- 11.5 As from [x] after the date of entry into force of the 03 series of amendments to this UNECE Regulation, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not be obliged to accept, for the purpose of national or regional type-approval, a vehicle type-approved to the preceding series of amendments to this Regulation.
- 11.6 Notwithstanding the transitional provisions above, Contracting Parties whose application of this UNECE Regulation comes into force after the date of entry into force of the most recent series of amendments are not obliged to accept UNECE type-approvals which were granted in accordance with any of the preceding series of amendments to this UNECE Regulation.
- 11.7 For the first five years after the official entry into force of the 03 series of amendments to this Regulation, vehicles with a serial hybrid drive train which have an additional combustion engine with no mechanical coupling to the power train are excluded from the requirements of paragraph 6.2.3”

## **II. Justification**

The transitional provisions currently written in GRB/2012/08 are no longer in line with the latest UNECE Guidelines on Transitional Provisions.

This proposal updates the transitional provision to be in line with the above mentioned guidelines and adds two amendments specifically applicable for UN-ECE R51.

Para 11.4. is deemed for contracting parties that want to apply Regulation No.51 but do not / cannot use the latest series of amendments in their national market In line with a decision already taken for Regulation No. 83, it should remain possible to issue type approval according to the previous series of amendments.

Para. 11.7 contains an exemption from ASEP for some hybrid vehicles.

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