Proposal for Supplement 3 to the 06 series of amendments to Regulation No. 48 (Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices)

Submitted by the Working Party on Light and Light-signalling* 

The text reproduced below was adopted by the Working Party on Light and Light-signalling (GRE) at its sixty-ninth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/69, paras. 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 21 and 22). It is based on ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/2013/7 not amended, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/2013/8 not amended, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/2013/9 as reproduced in Annex III to the report, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/2013/11 not amended, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/2013/19 as amended by Annex VI to the report, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/2013/20 as amended by Annex IV to the report as well as paragraphs 15. and 16. and Annex VII of the report. 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.
Contents, Annexes or line with Annex 10, amend to read:

"Annex 10 – "Reserved" "

Paragraphs 2.7.1. and 2.7.1.1., amend to read:

"2.7.1. Light source

2.7.1.1. "Light source" means one or more elements for visible radiation, which may be assembled with one or more transparent envelopes and with a base for mechanical and electrical connection."

Paragraphs 5.23. and 5.23.1., amend to read:

"5.23. Lamps approved with light source(s) according to Regulation No. 37, except when such light sources are used as non-replaceable light source(s) as defined in paragraph 2.7.1.2., shall be fitted in a vehicle in such a way that the light source can be correctly replaced without the need for expert assistance and without the need for special tools, other than those provided with the vehicle by the manufacturer. The vehicle manufacturer shall provide with the vehicle a detailed description of the procedure for replacement.

5.23.1. In the case where a light source module includes a holder for an approved replaceable light source according to Regulation No. 37, this light source shall be replaceable as required in paragraph 5.23."

Paragraph 5.28.4., amend to read:

"5.28.4. When the vertical angle of geometric visibility below the horizontal may be reduced to 5º (lamp at less than 750 mm above the ground measured according to the provisions of paragraph 5.8.1.) the photometric field of measurements of the installed optical unit may be reduced to 5º below the horizontal."

Paragraph 6.1.2. amend to read:

"6.1.2. Number

Two or four, type approved according to Regulations Nos. 98 or 112, excluding Class A headlamp.

For vehicles of the category N3: Two extra main-beam headlamps may be installed.

Where a vehicle is fitted with four concealable headlamps the installation of two additional headlamps shall only be authorized for the purpose of light-signalling, consisting of intermittent illumination, at short intervals (see paragraph 5.12.) in daylight."

Paragraph 6.2.2. amend to read:

"6.2.2. Number

Two, type approved according to Regulations Nos. 98 or 112, excluding Class A headlamp."

Para 6.2.8.2.1., 6.2.8.2.2. and 6.2.8.3. to be deleted and replaced by:

"6.2.8. Tell-tale

6.2.8.1. Tell-tale optional

6.2.8.2. A visual tell-tale whether flashing or not is mandatory:

(a) In the case where the whole beam or the kink of the elbow of the cut-off is moved to produce bend lighting; or
(b) If one or more LED modules are used to produce the principal
dipped-beam, except when they are wired so that the failure of any
one LED module causes all of them to stop emitting light.

It shall be activated:

(a) In the event of a malfunction of the displacement of the kink of the
elbow of the cut-off, or

(b) In case of a failure of any one of the LED module(s) producing the
principal dipped-beam, except when they are wired so that the failure
of any one LED module causes all of them to stop emitting light.

It shall remain activated while the failure is present. It may be cancelled
temporarily, but shall be repeated whenever the device, which starts and stops
the engine, is switched on and off."

Paragraph 6.6.7.2., amend to read:

"6.6.7.2. The hazard warning signal may be activated automatically in the event of a
vehicle being involved in a collision or after the de-activation of the
emergency stop signal, as specified in paragraph 6.23. In such cases, it may
be turned "off" manually."

Paragraph 6.9.4.2., amend to read:

"6.9.4.2. In height: above the ground, not less than 250 mm nor more than 1,500 mm
(2,100 mm for O₁ and O₂ categories of vehicles, or if for any other categories
of vehicles the shape of the bodywork makes it impossible to keep within
1,500 mm)."

Paragraph 6.21.1.2.5., amend to read:

"6.21.1.2.5. In cases where the manufacturer, after verification by the Technical Service,
can prove to the satisfaction of the authority responsible for type approval
that it is impossible, due to the operational requirements which may require
special shape, structure or design of the vehicle, to comply with the
requirements contained in paragraphs 6.21.2. to 6.21.7.5., then partial
fulfilment of some of these requirements is acceptable. This is conditional
upon a portion of the requirements being met where possible, and the
application of conspicuity markings that partially meet requirements
maximised on the vehicle structure. This may include fitting of additional
brackets or plates containing material compliant with Regulation No. 104
where structure is available to ensure clear and uniform signalling compatible
with the objective of conspicuity.

Where partial fulfilment is deemed acceptable, retro-reflective devices like
retro-reflectors of class IVA of Regulation No. 3 or brackets containing
retro-reflecting material compliant with photometric requirements of Class C
of Regulation No. 104 may substitute part of the required conspicuity
markings. In this case, at least one of these retro-reflective devices shall be
installed per 1500 mm.

The necessary information shall be indicated in the communication form."
Paragraphs 12. to 12.27., amend to read:

"12. Transitional provisions

12.1. General

12.1.1. As from the official date of entry into force of the most recent series of amendments, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant approval under this Regulation as amended by this most recent series of amendments.

12.1.2. As from the official date of entry into force of the most recent series of amendments, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse national or regional type approval to a vehicle type approved under this Regulation as amended by this most recent series of amendments.

12.1.3. During the time period from the official date of entry into force of the most recent series of amendments and its mandatory application to new type approvals, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall continue to grant approvals to those types of vehicles which comply with the requirements of this Regulation as amended by all the applicable preceding series of amendments.

12.1.4. Existing approvals under this Regulation granted before the date of mandatory application of the most recent series of amendments shall remain valid indefinitely and Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall continue to recognize them and shall not refuse to grant extensions of approvals to them (except for what indicated in paragraph 12.1.5. below).

12.1.5. When the vehicle type approved to any of the preceding series of amendments meets the requirements of this Regulation as amended by the most recent series of amendments, the Contracting Party which granted the approval shall notify the other Contracting Parties applying this Regulation thereof.

12.1.6. Notwithstanding paragraph 12.1.4. above, Contracting Parties whose application of this Regulation comes into force after the date of entry into force of the most recent series of amendments are not obliged to accept approvals which were granted in accordance with any of the preceding series of amendments to this Regulation.

12.1.7. Until the United Nations Secretary-General is notified otherwise, Japan declares that in relation to the installation of lighting and light signalling devices, Japan will only be bound by the obligations of the Agreement to which this Regulation is annexed with respect to vehicles of categories M₁ and N₁.

12.2. Transitional provisions applicable to 03 series of amendments.

Contracting Parties applying this Regulation:

(a) From 10 October 2007 (12 months after the date of entry into force), shall grant approvals only if the vehicle type to be approved meets the requirements of this Regulation as amended by the 03 series of amendments;

(b) Up to 09 October 2009 (36 months after the date of entry into force) shall not refuse national or regional type approval of a vehicle type approved to any of the preceding series of amendments to this Regulation.
(c) From 10 October 2009 (36 months after the entry into force) may refuse first national or regional entry into service of a vehicle of categories N2 (with a maximum mass exceeding 7.5 tonnes), N3, O3 and O4 exceeding 2,100 mm in width (for rear markings) and exceeding 6,000 mm in length (for side markings), except tractors for semi-trailers and incomplete vehicles, which do not meet the requirements of the 03 series of amendments to this Regulation.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph 12.1.4., from 10 October 2011 (60 months after the date of entry into force) shall no more recognize approvals to this Regulation granted to type of vehicles of categories N2 (with a maximum mass exceeding 7.5 tons), N3, O3 and O4 exceeding 2,100 mm in width (for rear markings) and exceeding 6,000 mm in length (for side markings), except tractors for semi-trailers and incomplete vehicle, under any preceding series of amendment, that ceases to be valid.

(e) From 12 June 2010 (36 months from the entry into force of Supplement 3 to the 03 series of amendments) shall grant approvals only if the vehicle type to be approved meets the requirements of this Regulation as amended by Supplement 3 to the 03 series of amendments.

(f) Up to 11 January 2010 (18 months after the official date of entry into force of Supplement 4 to the 03 series of amendments) shall continue to grant approvals to new vehicle types which do not meet the requirements on vertical orientation of front fog lamps (paragraph 6.3.6.1.1.) and/or on direction indicator operating tell-tale (paragraph 6.5.8.) and/or on daytime running lamps switching off (paragraph 6.19.7.3.).

(g) Up to 10 October 2011 (60 month after the official date of entry into force) shall continue to grant approvals to new vehicle types which do not meet the requirements on cumulative length of conspicuity markings (paragraph 6.21.4.1.3.).

12.3. Transitional provisions applicable to 04 series of amendments.

Contracting Parties applying this Regulation:

(a) From 07 February 2011 for vehicles of categories M1 and N1, and from 07 August 2012 for vehicles of other categories (respectively 30 and 48 months after the official date of entry into force) shall grant approvals only if the vehicle type to be approved meets the requirements of this Regulation as amended by the 04 series of amendments.

(b) After 22 July 2009 (date of entry into force of Supplement 2 to the 04 series of amendments) shall continue to grant approvals to vehicle types which do not meet the requirements of paragraph 5.2.1. as amended by the Supplement 2 to 04 series of amendments if they are fitted with headlamps approved to Regulation No. 98 (prior to Supplement 9) or Regulation No. 112 (prior to Supplement 8).

(c) From 24 October 2012 (36 months from the entry into force of Supplement 3 to the 04 series of amendments) shall grant approvals only if the vehicle type to be approved meets the requirements on voltage limitation of paragraphs 3.2.7. and 5.27 to 5.27.4. of this Regulation as amended by Supplement 3 to the 04 series of amendments.
(d) Up to 07 February 2011 for vehicles of categories M₁ and N₁ and to
07 August 2012 for vehicles of other categories (respectively 30 and
48 months after the official date of entry into force of Supplement 2 to
the 04 series of amendments) shall continue to grant approvals to new
vehicle types which do not meet the requirements on switching OFF
of daytime running lamps reciprocally incorporated with front
direction indicator lamps (paragraph 6.19.7.6.).

12.3.1. Notwithstanding the transitional provisions above, Contracting Parties whose
application of Regulation No. 112 comes into force after 07 August 2008
(date of entry into force of the 04 series of amendments to the present
Regulation) are not obliged to accept approvals if the vehicle type to be
approved does not meet the requirements of paragraph 6.1.2. and 6.2.2. as
amended by the 04 series of amendments to this Regulation with regard to
Regulation No. 112.

12.4. Transitional provisions applicable to 05 series of amendments.

Contracting Parties applying this Regulation:

(a) From 30 January 2015 (48 months from the official date of entry into
force) shall grant approvals only if the vehicle type to be approved
meets the requirements of this Regulation as amended by the 05 series
of amendments.

(b) Until 30 July 2016 for new vehicles types of categories M₁ and N₁ and
until 30 January 2018 for new vehicle types of other categories
(respectively 66 and 84 months after the official date of entry into
force) shall grant approvals if the new vehicle type to be approved
meets the requirements of one or more of paragraphs 6.2.7.6.2. or
6.2.7.6.3. to 6.2.7.6.3.3. instead of those of paragraph 6.2.7.6.1. of this
Regulation as amended by the 05 series of amendments.

12.5. Transitional provisions applicable to 06 series of amendments.

Contracting Parties applying this Regulation:

from 18 November 2017 (60 month after the date of entry into force) shall
grant approvals only if the vehicle type to be approved meets the
requirements of this Regulation as amended by the 06 series of amendments."

Annex 10, title, amend to read:

"Annex 10 – Reserved"