Proposal for amendments to Regulation No. 18 (Anti-theft of motor vehicles)

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Germany aims at clarifying the scope of UN Regulation No. 18 with the possibility for motor vehicles to not apply this Regulation if no device to prevent unauthorized use of the vehicle is fitted. It is based on informal document GRSG-104-06. The modifications are marked in bold characters.

* 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.
I. Proposal

*Paragraph 1. (Scope)*, amend to read (keeping the reference to footnote 1):

"1. Scope

1.1. This Regulation applies to motor vehicles having at least three wheels with the exception of those of category M₁ and N₁(1), with regard to their protection against unauthorized use, **if devices to prevent unauthorized use are fitted.**

1.2. Vehicles approved in accordance with the provisions of Part I of Regulation No. 116 are deemed to comply with this Regulation."

II. Justification

1. The current text of UN Regulation No. 18 causes compulsory equipment with devices to prevent unauthorized use for certain categories of vehicles.

2. Even though the benefit of these systems shall not be disregarded, it seems inappropriate to require this equipment taking into account that basically the idea of UN Regulation No. 18 was only to provide a harmonized regulation for such equipment and to ensure mutual recognition.

3. This proposal aims at introducing that possibility.