OICA proposal for amendments to the 04, 05 and 06 series of amendments of Regulation No. 48

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I. Proposal

Paragraph 6.20., amend to read:

"6.20. Cornering lamp (Regulation No. 119)

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6.20.7. Electrical connections

The cornering lamps shall be so connected that they cannot be activated unless the main-beam headlamps or the dipped-beam headlamps are switched ON at the same time.

6.20.7.1. The cornering lamp on one side of the vehicle may only be switched ON automatically when the direction-indicators on the same side of the vehicle are switched ON and/or when the steering angle is changed from the straight-ahead position towards the same side of the vehicle.

The cornering lamp shall be switched OFF automatically when the direction-indicator is switched OFF and/or the steering angle has returned in the straight-ahead position.

6.20.7.2. When the reversing lamp is switched ON, both cornering lamps may be switched on simultaneously, independently from the steering wheel or direction-indicator position. If so activated, both cornering lamps shall be switched OFF either:

(a) when the reversing lamp is switched OFF;

or

(b) when the forward speed of the vehicle exceeds 10 km/h."

II. Justification

The simultaneous lightning of both cornering lamps for slow manoeuvres in forward motion is an option that can increase safety. An improved illumination of the areas near the front corners helps to realise obstacles, parking vehicles and other road users.