Proposal for draft amendments to the 06 series of amendments to UN Regulation No. 83 (on-board diagnostics)

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I. Proposal

Annex 11,

Paragraph 2.10., amend to read:

"2.10. A "driving cycle" consists of engine start-up, driving mode where a malfunction would be detected if present, and engine shut-off. It includes the period of engine off time up to the next engine startup."

Paragraph 2.11., amend to read:

"2.11. A "warm-up cycle" means sufficient vehicle operation such that the coolant temperature has risen by a least 22 K from engine starting and reaches a minimum temperature of 343 K (70 °C).

Alternatively, manufacturers may define a warm-up cycle as a driving cycle with vehicle operation in which the criteria specified in sections 7.5.1. (a) to (c) of Annex 11, Appendix 1 are met. 'Engine start' implies that the vehicle is ready to be driven."

Paragraphs 3.3.4.1. to 3.3.4.3., to read:

"3.3.4.1. Where fitted, reduction in the efficiency of the catalytic converter. Manufacturers may monitor the first catalyst alone or in combination with the next catalyst(s) downstream.

3.3.4.2. Where fitted, the functionality and integrity of the particulate trap. Manufacturers may monitor the first trap alone or in combination with the next trap(s) downstream.

3.3.4.3. The fuel-injection system electronic fuel quantity and timing actuator(s) is/are monitored for circuit continuity and total functional failure;"

Paragraphs 3.3.4.7. to 3.3.4.8., to read:

"3.3.4.7. Malfunctions and the reduction in efficiency of a NOx after-treatment system using a reagent and the reagent dosing sub-system shall be monitored. Manufacturers may monitor the first catalyst alone or in combination with the next catalyst(s) downstream.

3.3.4.8. Malfunctions and the reduction in efficiency of NOx after-treatment not using a reagent shall be monitored. Manufacturers may monitor the first catalyst alone or in combination with the next catalyst(s) downstream."

Appendix 1, paragraph 1, amend to read:

"1. Introduction

... The manufacturer shall make available the defective components and/or electrical devices which would be used to simulate failures. When measured over the Type I Test cycle, such defective components or devices shall not cause the vehicle emissions to exceed the limits of paragraph 3.3.2. of this annex by more than 20 per cent. For electrical failures (short/open circuit), the OBD system is also approved if the MI is activated at vehicle emissions exceeding the limits of paragraph 3.3.2 by more than 20 per cent.

..."
Appendix 1, paragraphs 6.3.1.4. and 6.3.1.5., amend to read:

"6.3.1.4. Electrical disconnection of any other emission-related component connected to a power-train management computer (if active on the selected fuel type). For these failure modes, a Type I Test need not be performed. The manufacturer may demonstrate the failure using driving conditions in which the component is used and the monitoring conditions are encountered.

6.3.1.5. Electrical disconnection of the electronic evaporative purge control device (if equipped and if active on the selected fuel type). For this specific failure mode, the Type I Test need not be performed. The manufacturer may demonstrate the failure using driving conditions in which the component is used and the monitoring conditions are encountered."

Appendix 1, paragraphs 6.3.2.3. and 6.3.2.4., amend to read:

"6.3.2.3. Electrical disconnection of any fuelling system electronic fuel quantity and timing actuator. For these failure modes, a Type I Test does not need to be performed. The manufacturer may demonstrate the failure using driving conditions, in which the component is used and the monitoring conditions are encountered.

6.3.2.4. Electrical disconnection of any other emission-related component connected to a power-train management computer. For these failure modes, a Type I Test does not need to be performed. The manufacturer may demonstrate the failure using driving conditions, in which the component is used and the monitoring conditions are encountered."

Appendix 1, paragraph 6.4.1.1., amend to read:

"6.4.1.1. …

The MI shall be activated before the end of this test at the latest under any of the conditions given in paragraphs 6.4.1.2. to 6.4.1.5. The MI may also be activated during preconditioning. The Technical Service may substitute those conditions with others in accordance with paragraph 6.4.1.6. However, the total number of failures simulated shall not exceed four (4) for the purpose of type approval.

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Appendix 1, paragraph 6.4.2.1., amend to read:

"6.4.2.1. …

The MI shall be activated before the end of this test at the latest under any of the conditions given in paragraphs 6.4.2.2. to 6.4.2.5. The MI may also be activated during preconditioning. The technical service may substitute those conditions by others in accordance with paragraph 6.4.2.5. However, the total number of failures simulated shall not exceed four for the purposes of type approval."

Appendix 1, paragraph 7.1., amend to read:

"7.1. General Requirements

For the purpose of calculating counters and ratios under the in-use performance requirements, "engine start" is defined as the start of the internal combustion engine. For the calculation of the general denominator and the
denominator $M$, "cumulative time since engine start" in 7.5.1. (a) and 'cumulative vehicle operation' in 7.5.1. (b) shall imply that the internal combustion engine is running. Small series productions with less than 1,000 vehicles are exempted from minimum IUPR requirements as well as the requirement to demonstrate this to the Type Approval Authority."

Appendix I, paragraph 7.6.2., amend to read:

"7.6.2. For specific components or systems that have multiple monitors, which are required to be reported by this paragraph (e.g. oxygen sensor bank 1 may have multiple monitors for sensor response or other sensor characteristics), the OBD system shall separately track numerators and denominators for each of the specific monitors except those monitoring for short circuit or open circuit failures and report only the corresponding numerator and denominator for the specific monitor that has the lowest numerical ratio. Regardless of the number of monitors for a specific component or system, those monitoring for short circuit or open circuit failures are exempted from reporting. If two or more specific monitors have identical ratios, the corresponding numerator and denominator for the specific monitor that has the highest denominator shall be reported for the specific component."

II. Justification

1. Annex 11 of UN Regulation No. 83 contains the definition of a driving cycle in the definition section under point 2.10: depending on the monitoring strategy, the period of engine-off time up to the next engine start is required (comparatively CARB regulation).

2. Annex 11 of Regulation No. 83 contains the definition of a warm-up cycle in the definition section under point 2.11:

"2.11 A "warm-up cycle" means sufficient vehicle operation such that the coolant temperature has risen by a least 22 K from engine starting and reaches a minimum temperature of 343 K (70° C).

3. Under section 3.8., "erasing a fault code", this defined cycle is used to erase healed error code information from the fault code memory:

"3.8.1. The OBD system may erase a fault code and the distance travelled and freeze-frame information if the same fault is not re-registered in at least 40 engine warm-up cycles."

4. The intention of this section is to keep fault code information in the memory long enough to give the service technician this information if a customer shows up at the workshop driven by the previous MIL illumination. Assuming 2 to 3 warm up cycles per day this information on healed codes (the system is OK and does not need repair!) stays 13 to 20 days in the memory which is long enough for the above described purpose.

5. For hybrid electrical vehicles which are plugged in regularly causing rare engine operation, the history information on healed errors will most likely stay much longer in the fault code memory. Customers showing up at their service garage for the regular service intervals might get unnecessary repairs because this information is still available.

6. CARB will amend the warm up cycle definition for this reason.

7. For positive ignition vehicles, the manufacturer may choose to monitor the front catalyst alone or in combination with the next catalysts downstream. For compression
ignition engines, the requirements/degrees of freedom should simply be aligned to those for positive ignition engines.

8. Electrical failures (disconnection, short to battery and short to ground) are either present in a system, resulting in a emissions specific to the component/system, or are not present, resulting in the normal emissions of the vehicle. Therefore it is technically impossible to define error limits for these failures correlating to some emission limits or OBD thresholds. There is no such thing as a partial failure for an electrical disconnection.

9. For electrical failures (disconnection, short to battery and short to ground) it is technically impossible to define error limits correlating to some emission limits or OBD thresholds. Such a failure is either present or not, resulting in emissions depending on the failure/component. There is no such thing as a partial failure for an electrical disconnection.

10. Demonstrating these failures in a type 1 test is therefore not necessary, requiring only valuable resources. The demonstration of the monitor working properly should therefore be possible in a driving cycle defined by the manufacturer, in which the component (sensor/actuator) is used.

11. This is true also for the electronic evaporative control device. Paragraphs 6.3.1.4 6.3.1.5, 6.3.2.3 and 6.3.2.4 should be amended.

12. UN Regulation No. 83 allows in paragraph 3.5.2. more than two preconditioning cycles for MI activation. According to paragraph 6.2.2. the manufacturer may request alternative preconditioning cycles. One reason for doing this might be that the operating conditions for monitoring a component might not be encountered in a type 1 test. In such a case, the MI has to be illuminated before the type 1 test, in which emissions are measured.

13. Hybrids with an increased electrical range, especially those, which could be charged externally (plug in hybrids), are using the internal combustion engines less frequent than non-hybrid vehicles, thereby minimizing fuel consumption and emissions but also time for running monitors to detect a malfunction of the internal combustion engine.

14. For ‘non-hybrid’ vehicles, the definition:

“3.5.1. The general denominator is a counter measuring the number of times a vehicle has been operated. It shall be incremented within 10 seconds, if and only if, the following criteria are satisfied on a single driving cycle:

(a) cumulative time since engine start is greater than or equal to 600 seconds while at an elevation of less than 2,440 m above sea level and at an ambient temperature of greater than or equal to -7° C;

(b) cumulative vehicle operation at or above 40 km/h occurs for greater than or equal to 300 seconds while at an elevation of less than 2,440 m above sea level and at an ambient temperature of greater than or equal to -7 °C;

…”

implies, that the engine, e.g. the internal combustion engine, is working constantly. To avoid misunderstandings, add the above to Annex 11, Appendix 1 under paragraph 3.

15. The intention of the text of paragraph 7.6.2. in Appendix 1 to Annex 11 saying ”... except those monitoring for short circuit or open circuit failures ...” was to exempt the ratios of monitors for electrical failures from being reported. This wording could however give the impression that electrical failures are exempted from being reported only for systems with multiple monitors but are requested for systems containing only an electrical monitor.
16. Although any reporting of electrical failure ratios is not possible due to the regulations and standards concerning scan tool communication, the proposed new text confirms this, thus avoiding any ambiguities.