Proposal for draft amendments to the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicle (R.E.3)

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 seventy-second session (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/72, para. 29). GRE requested the secretariat to inform the other Working Parties subsidiary to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) about this proposal. It is based on ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2014/25, as reproduced in Annex X to the report ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/72. It is submitted to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and to the Administrative Committee AC.1 for consideration at their June 2015 sessions.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2012–2016 (ECE/TRANS/224, para. 94 and ECE/TRANS/2012/12, 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.
Paragraph 2.6., amend to read:

"2.6. Agricultural Vehicles (Categories T, R and S)"

Insert new paragraphs 2.6.1. to 2.6.3., to read:

"2.6.1. "Category T" - means any motorised, wheeled or tracked agricultural or forestry vehicle having at least two axles and a maximum design speed of not less than 6 km/h, the main function of which lies in its tractive power and which has been especially designed to pull, push, carry and actuate certain interchangeable equipment designed to perform agricultural or forestry work, or to tow agricultural or forestry trailers or equipment; it may be adapted to carry a load in the context of agricultural or forestry work and/or may be equipped with one or more passenger seats.

2.6.2. "Category R - Agricultural trailer": means any agricultural or forestry vehicle intended mainly to be towed by a tractor and intended mainly to carry loads or to process materials and where the ratio of the technically permissible maximum laden mass to the unladen mass of that vehicle is equal to or greater than 3.0.

2.6.3. "Category S - Interchangeable towed equipment": means any vehicle used in agriculture or forestry which is designed to be towed by a tractor, changes or adds to its functions, permanently incorporates an implement or is designed to process materials, which may include a load platform designed and constructed to receive any tools and appliances needed for those purposes and to store temporarily any materials produced or needed during work and where the ratio of the technically permissible maximum laden mass to the unladen mass of that vehicle is less than 3.0."