Proposal to amend the requirements of Regulation No. 48 (Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices) on tell-tales indicating a failure

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I. Proposal

Paragraph 6.7.8., amend to read:

"6.7.8. Tell-tale
Tell-tale optional, however a tell-tale indicating failure is mandatory if required by the device regulation.
Where the above tell-tale is fitted, this tell-tale shall be an operating tell-tale consisting of a non-flashing warning light which comes on in the event of the malfunctioning of the stop lamps."

Paragraph 6.9.8., amend to read:

"6.9.8. Tell-tale
Circuit-closed tell-tale mandatory.
This tell-tale shall be non-flashing and shall not be required if the instrument panel lighting can only be turned on simultaneously with the front position lamps. In the case
This requirement does not apply when light signalling system operates according to Paragraph 6.2.7.6.2.

However, a tell-tale indicating failure is mandatory if required by the device regulation."

Paragraph 6.10.8., amend to read:

"6.10.8. Tell-tale
Circuit-closed tell-tale mandatory. It shall be combined with that of the front position lamps.
This requirement does not apply when light signalling system operates according to paragraph 6.2.7.6.2.

However, a tell-tale indicating failure is mandatory if required by the device regulation."

Paragraph 6.13.8., amend to read:

"6.13.8. Tell-tale
Tell-tale optional. If it exists, its function shall be carried out by the tell-tale required for the front and rear position lamps.

However, a tell-tale indicating failure is mandatory if required by the device regulation."

Paragraph 6.19.8., amend to read:

"6.19.8. Tell-tale
Closed-circuit tell-tale optional, however a tell-tale indicating failure is mandatory if required by the device regulation."

Annex 1, item 9, amend to read:

"..."
9.9. Stop lamps: yes/no(1) .................................................................
9.9.1. Tell-tale indicating failure required by device regulation: yes/no(1) ............
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9.11. Front position lamps: yes/no(1) ..........................................................
9.11.1. Tell-tale indicating failure required by device regulation: yes/no(1) ............
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9.12. Rear position lamps: yes/no(1) ..........................................................
9.12.1. Tell-tale indicating failure required by device regulation: yes/no(1) ............
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9.15. End-outline marker lamps: yes/no(1) ..................................................
9.15.1. Tell-tale indicating failure required by device regulation: yes/no(1) ............
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9.21. Daytime running lamps: yes/no(1) ..................................................
9.21.1. Tell-tale indicating failure required by device regulation: yes/no(1) ............
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(1) Strike out which does not apply.

II. Justification

1. In Regulation Nos. 7 and 87 provisions require a tell-tale for respective lamp categories. Therefore, it is necessary that the description of the component (i.e. the device Regulation) indicates whether a tell-tale is required or not.

2. In addition, in the communication form of Regulation No. 48 it has to be documented that a tell-tale is present.

3. Furthermore, the following remark should be noted. In Regulation No. 121 it should at least be allowed that the symbol “19. Position, side marker, and/or end-outline marker lamps” may be shown in other colours than specified in column 5.