Proposal to amend the requirements of Regulations No. 7 (Position, stop and end-outline lamps) on tell-tales indicating a failure

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I. Proposal

Paragraph 6.1.7.2., amend to read:

"6.1.7.2. The lamp shall comply with the minimum intensity required in the table of standard light distribution in space as shown in Annex 4 when any one light source has failed. However, for lamps designed for only two light sources, 50% of the minimum intensity in the axis of reference of the lamp shall be considered sufficient, provided that a note in the communication form states that the lamp is only for use on a vehicle fitted with a tell-tale which indicates when any one of these two light sources has failed."

Annex 2, item 9, amend to read:

"9. Concise description:

9.1. By category of lamp:

For mounting either outside or inside or both

Colour of light emitted: red/white

Number, category and kind of light source(s): ..................................................

Voltage and wattage: ..........................................................................................

Light source module specific identification code: ............................................

Only for limited mounting height of equal to or less than 750 mm above the ground: yes/no

Geometrical conditions of installation and relating variations, if any: ..............

Application of an electronic light source control gear/variable intensity control:

(a) Being part of the lamp: yes/no

(b) Being not part of the lamp: yes/no

Input voltage(s) supplied by an electronic light source control gear/variable intensity control: .................................................................

Electronic light source control gear/variable intensity control manufacturer and identification number (when the light source control gear is part of the lamp but is not included into the lamp body): ........................................

Variable luminous intensity: yes/no

The front position lamp, rear position lamp, stop lamp, end-outline marker lamp is only for use on a vehicle fitted with a tell-tale indicating failure: yes/no

(1) Strike out what 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.