Proposal to amend the requirements of Regulation No. 87 (Daytime running lamps) on tell-tales indicating a failure

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I. Proposal

Paragraph 7.4.2., amend to read:

"7.4.2. In case of failure of any one light source in a single lamp containing more than one light source, one of the following provisions shall apply:

(a) The light intensity at the points of standard light distribution defined in Annex 3 to this Regulation shall be at least 80% of the minimum intensity required, or

(b) The light intensity in the axis of reference shall be at least 50 per cent of the minimum intensity required, provided that a note in the communication form states that the lamp is only for use on a vehicle fitted with an operating tell-tale indicating failure."

Annex 1, item 9, amend to read:

"9. Concise description:

By category of lamp: ..........................................................................................

Number, category and kind of light source(s): (1).................................

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

Application of an electronic light source control gear:

(a) being part of the lamp yes/no (2)

(b) being not part of the lamp yes/no (2)

Input voltage supplied by an electronic light source control gear: .................

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

The lamp is only for use on a vehicle fitted with a tell-tale indicating failure: yes/no (2)

(1) For daytime running lamps with non-replaceable light sources indicate the number and total wattage of the light source used.

(2) 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.