Proposal for Supplement 13 to the original series of amendments to Regulation No. 99 (Gas discharge light sources)

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I. Proposal

Paragraph 3.6.2., amend to read:

"3.6.2. Run-up

3.6.2.1. For gas-discharge light sources having an objective luminous flux which exceeds 2,000 lm:

When measured according to the conditions specified in Annex 4, the gas-discharge light source shall emit at least:

After 1 second: 25 per cent of its objective luminous flux;

After 4 seconds: 80 per cent of its objective luminous flux.

The objective luminous flux as indicated on the relevant data sheet.

3.6.2.2. For gas-discharge light sources having an objective luminous flux which does not exceed 2,000 lm and does not contain black stripes:

When measured according to the conditions specified in Annex 4, the gas-discharge light sources shall emit at least 800 lm after 1 second and at least 1,000 lm after 4 seconds.

The objective luminous flux as indicated on the relevant data sheet.

3.6.2.3. For gas-discharge light sources having an objective luminous flux which does not exceed 2,000 lm but does contain black stripes:

When measured according to the conditions specified in Annex 4, the gas-discharge light sources shall emit at least 700 lm after 1 second and at least 900 lm after 4 seconds.

The objective luminous flux as indicated on the relevant data sheet.

3.6.2.4. For gas-discharge light sources having more than one objective luminous flux, and at least one objective luminous flux, does not exceed 2,000 lm:

When measured according to the conditions specified in Annex 4, the gas-discharge light sources shall emit at least 800 lm after 1 second and at least 1,000 lm after 4 seconds.

The objective luminous flux as indicated on the relevant data sheet."

II. Justification

1. Regulation No. 99 currently leaves room for interpretation on how to test the run-up of dual-level high-intensity discharge (HID) light sources, as e.g. D9S, during type approval. Thus, it is proposed to add a new paragraph 3.6.2.4. in Regulation No. 99 to clearly specify how the run-up of such dual-level HID light sources should be tested.

2. Along with the addition of the new paragraph the existing part of 3.6.2.2. that applies to gas-discharge light sources containing black stripes was renumbered to 3.6.2.3. to make a distinction with gas-discharge light sources not containing black stripes, thereby adding further structure and clarification.