Proposal for amendments to ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2017/49

Draft proposals for amendment of the 1997 Vienna Agreement

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A. Proposals

*In ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2017/49 (Proposal for amendment of the 1997 Agreement), Article 1,*

*After the term "rules for periodical technical inspections of wheeled vehicles"*

*Insert the Term roadworthiness, to read:*

"The term “roadworthiness” means a property of vehicles to be in a suitable operating condition to be used on public roads, compliant with safety and environmental characteristics as prescribed by the Rules."

*The following text enclosed in square brackets in Appendix 3, para 1.2., shall be deleted:*

"a test lane of sufficient size for each test, a pit or lift and, a device to lift a vehicle on one of the axles, equipped with appropriate lighting and, where necessary, with aeration devices"

B. Justification

The term “roadworthiness” is not used in the 1997 Agreement, but mentioned in Rule 1 & 2, the draft Special Resolution and in the national documents on PTI. The proposals are intended to exclude misinterpretation of the Rules and to ease their application and harmonize terminology in PTI field.

It was agreed that options covering the elements of testing equipment, of test centres within the framework of the 1997 Agreement should provide for the requested flexibility and harmonization. Following the approach the requirements enclosed in square brackets in Appendix 3, para 1.2 are too restrictive.