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PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENTS (CORRIGENDUM) TO REGULATION No. 43
(Safety glazing)

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Note: The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Belgium in
order to clarify and complete the amendments to the Regulation adopted at the
seventy-eighth session which are expected to be considered by WP.29 and AC.1
during their November 2000 sessions (TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/57, para. 49 and
annex 2).

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A. PROPOSAL

Annex 1 – appendices 1 to 6,
annex 3, paragraph 9.1.3.,
annex 4, paragraph 1.2.4.,
annex 5, paragraph 1.2.4.,
annex 6, paragraph 1.2.5.,
annex 7, paragraph 1.2.4.,
annex 8, paragraph 1.2.5.,
annex 10, paragraph 1.2.5., and
annex 11, paragraph 1.2.4., amend the words: “Obscuration bands”, to read “Opaque obscuration”.

Annex 4, paragraph 2.1.4., should be deleted.

Annex 18, paragraph 2.4.2.2., including its corresponding footnote 2/, amend to read:

“2.4.2.2. any opaque obscuration bounded downwards by plane 1 provided it is inscribed in an area 300 mm wide centred on the longitudinal median plane of the vehicle and provided the opaque obscuration below the plane 5 trace is inscribed in an area limited laterally by the traces of planes passing by the limits of a 150 mm wide segment 2/ and parallel respectively to the traces of planes 4 and 4’.”

2/ Measured on the outer surface of the windscreen and on the trace of plane 1.”

Annex 20, paragraph 3.6.2., amend to read:

“3.6.2. Results

The value of regular light transmission shall be recorded. In addition, for windscreens with shade-bands, it shall be verified from the drawings referred to in paragraph 3.2.1.2.2.4. of this Regulation, that such bands are outside the test area B or Zone I according to the category of vehicle for which the windscreen is intended. Any opaque obscuration must be in conformity with the provisions contained in annex 18.”

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B. JUSTIFICATION

In order to avoid any interpretation of the content of paragraph 2.4.2.2. of the draft amendments to Regulation No. 43 adopted during the previous session (TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/57, annex 2), a new text is submitted to the experts. It reflects the conclusions of the ad hoc working group on Regulation No. 43 held in Brussels in January 2000.
The new definitions included in the draft proposal adopted lead to some inconsistencies in other parts of the Regulation. So it is suggested to clarify the text without making any fundamental changes.