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PROPOSAL FOR A DRAFT SUPPLEMENT TO THE 02 SERIES OF AMENDMENTS TO
REGULATION No. 48

(Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices)

Transmitted by the expert from Germany

Note: The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Germany, proposing amendments in order to clarify that parked vehicles can be lit by their own lights.

The modifications to the current text of the Regulation are marked in **bold** characters.

A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 6.12.7., amend to read:

"6.12.7. Electrical connections

The connection must allow the parking lamp(s) on the same side of the vehicle to be lit independently of any other lamps.

The parking lamp(s) and, if applicable, the front and rear position lamps according to paragraph 6.12.9. below, must be able to operate even if the device which starts the engine is in a position which makes it impossible for the engine to operate. A device which deactivates these lamps as a function of time is prohibited."

B. JUSTIFICATION

It has been brought to the attention of the German Government that there are vehicles on the market on which the front and rear position lamps are unable to function as parking lamps when the device which starts the engine is in a position which makes it impossible for the engine to operate. On the other hand, the general road safety regulations require that under certain conditions (darkness, outside built-up areas) parked vehicles must be lighted by their own lights. The proposed amendment is intended to ensure that this requirement can be fulfilled by all vehicles.
