Proposed amendments to ECE Regulation No. 13

A. PROPOSAL (Provisions for vehicle stability control systems)

Annex 21

Paragraph 2.1.1 amend to read:

2.1.1. Where a vehicle is equipped with a vehicle stability function as defined in paragraph 2.32. of this Regulation, the following shall apply:

In the case of directional control the function shall have the ability to automatically control individually the left and right wheel speeds on at least two wheels of each axle or axle group* by selective braking based on the evaluation of actual vehicle behaviour in comparison with a determination of vehicle behaviour demanded by the driver.

In the case of roll-over control the function shall have the ability to automatically control individual or multiple the left and right wheel speeds on at least two wheels of an axle or axle group* by selective braking or automatically commanded braking based on the evaluation of actual vehicle behaviour that may lead to vehicle roll-over.

* In the case of multiple axles, where the spread is greater than 2m, each individual axle shall be considered as an independent axle group.

Paragraph 2.2.1 amend to read:

2.2.1. Where a trailer is equipped with a vehicle stability function as defined in paragraph 2.32. of this Regulation, the following shall apply:

In the case of directional control the function shall have the ability to automatically control individually the left and right wheel speeds on at least two wheels of each axle or axle group* by selective braking based on the evaluation of actual trailer behaviour in comparison with a determination of the relative behaviour of the towing vehicle.¹⁷

In the case of roll-over control the function shall have the ability to automatically control individual or multiple the left and right wheel speeds on at least two wheels of an axle or axle group by selective braking or automatically commanded braking based on the evaluation of actual trailer behaviour that may lead to roll-over.

* In the case of multiple axles, where the spread is greater than 2m, each individual axle shall be considered as an independent axle group.

B. JUSTIFICATION

The current text required that "individual" wheel speed must be controlled, this is considered to be an unnecessary design restriction as it would imply a 6 channel system on a three axle vehicle or 8 channel system on a 4 axle vehicle etc. The revised text would allow braking of the wheels within an axle group provided the wheel centres did not exceed a specified limit. The 2m axle spread value proposed is the same as that used in Annex 10 to the Regulation.
