Proposal for draft amendments to Regulation No. 107
(M2 and M3 vehicles)

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A. PROPOSAL

Annex 3.

Paragraph 7.6.5.1., amend to read:

"7.6.5.1. In the event of an emergency every power-operated service door shall be capable, when the vehicle is driving at a speed less than or equal to 5 km/h stationary (but not necessarily when the vehicle is moving), of being opened from inside and, when not locked, from outside by controls which, whether or not the power supply is operating:

Insert a new paragraph 7.6.5.1.8., to read:

"7.6.5.1.8. The interior controls required by paragraph 7.6.5.1. shall be deactivated if the vehicle moves at a speed higher than 5 km/h."

Paragraph 7.6.8.2.2., amend to read:

"7.6.8.2.2. be made of readily-breakable safety glass. This latter provision precludes the possibility of using panes of laminated glass or of plastic material. A device shall be provided adjacent to each emergency window, readily available to persons inside the vehicle, to ensure that each window can be broken. The device for breaking the glass for the emergency windows at the rear of the vehicle shall be positioned centrally above or below the emergency window."

Paragraph 7.6.11.1., amend to read:

"7.6.11.1. Each required emergency exit and any other exit, that meets the prescriptions for an emergency exit, shall be marked, inside and outside the vehicle, by the following symbol. An additional symbol (e.g. arrow), indicating where to find the emergency exit, may be added."

B. JUSTIFICATION

The proposal is based on the results of a research study related to emergency exits. This study was conducted by the German "Bundesanstalt für Straßenwesen" (Federal Highway Research Institute) which is a subordinate to the German Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs.