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**BUSES AND COACHES**

Regulation No. 66 (Strength of superstructure)

Proposal for draft amendments to Regulation No. 66

Submitted by the expert from Spain

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Spain in order to clarify the scope of the Regulation. It is based on informal document No. GRSG-91-11, distributed during the ninety-first session of the Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG) (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, para. 3), and takes into account the comments addressed at that session. The modifications to the current text of the Regulation are marked in **bold** characters.

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A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 1., amend to read (including the insertion of a reference to footnote 1/ and the corresponding footnote 1/):

"1. SCOPE

This Regulation applies to single-deck rigid or articulated vehicles **belonging to Classes II or III 1/**, designed and constructed for the carriage of more than 22 passengers, whether seated or standing, in addition to the driver and crew.

**At the request of the manufacturer, approvals for vehicles belonging to Classes I, A or B 1/ shall be granted provided they comply with the prescriptions stated in this Regulation.**

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1/ As defined in Annex 7 to the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of vehicles (R.E.3), (document TRANS/WP.29/78/Rev.1/Amend.2 as last amended by Amend.4)."

Paragraph 4.4.1., the reference to footnote 1/ and footnote 1/, renumber as footnote 2/ and amend to read:

"2/ 1 for Germany, .... 10 for **Serbia**, .... 50 for Malta, 51 for the Republic of Korea, **52 for Malaysia and 53 for Thailand**. Subsequent numbers shall be assigned .... "

B. JUSTIFICATION

This proposal aims to align the scope of Regulation No. 66 with that of Annex IV of the European Union (EU) Directive 2001/85/EC. In addition, it allows granting type approvals to other classes of vehicles not covered by the mandatory scope of the Regulation, at the request of the manufacturer in order to guarantee a higher safety level.

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