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Proposal for a new regulation for vehicles of category M₃ with regard to the protection of the driver and crew member(s) seated alongside the driver in the case of a frontal collision

Note: The text reproduced below has been prepared by the expert from Germany in order to improve the safety of the driver and the crew of coaches in the case of a frontal collision. It is based on document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2007/33.

A. PROPOSAL

The text of the Regulation,

Paragraph 1., amend to read:

"1. SCOPE

This Regulation applies to:

- 1.1. ~~non low floor~~ vehicles of category M₃ Class II with a maximum mass exceeding 7.5 tonnes,
- 1.2. vehicles of category M₃ Class III with a maximum mass exceeding 7.5 tonnes."

Paragraph 10.3, amend to read:

"10.3. Starting [36] months **for non low floor vehicles and starting [60] months for low floor vehicles respectively** after the entry into force of this Regulation, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may refuse national type approval of a new vehicle type which does not meet the requirements of this Regulation."

Paragraph 10.4, amend to read:

"10.4. Starting [60] months **for non low floor vehicles and starting [96] months for low floor vehicles respectively** after the entry into force of this Regulation, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may refuse first national registration (first entry into service) of a vehicle which does not meet the requirements of this Regulation."

B. JUSTIFICATION

At the 94th session of UNECE GRSG several delegations asked for an application of the regulation not only to non low floor vehicles but also to low floor vehicles of Class II. This document offers a compromise solution by incorporating both, low floor and non low floor, with different application dates.
