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REGULATIONS Nos. 13 AND 13-H  
(Braking)

Secondary coupling for unbraked trailers

Proposal for an amendment to Regulation No. 13

Submitted by the expert from the United Kingdom \*

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the United Kingdom to amend Regulation No. 13 in order to clarify the application of paragraph 5.2.2.9. with regard to category O<sub>1</sub> unbraked trailers in respect to the requirement for fitment of secondary couplings. This proposal needs to be considered with document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/2008/13. The modifications to the existing text of the Regulation are marked as strikethrough.

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\* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2006-2010 (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 5.2.2.9., amend to read:

"5.2.2.9. The braking systems shall be such that the trailer is stopped automatically if the coupling separates while the trailer is in motion. ~~However, this provision shall not apply to trailers with a maximum mass not exceeding 1.5 tonnes, on the condition that the trailers are equipped with, in addition to the coupling device, a secondary coupling (chain, wire rope, etc.) capable, in the event of separation of the main coupling, of preventing the drawbar from touching the ground and providing some residual steering action on the trailer.~~"

B. JUSTIFICATION

GRRF requested the expert from the United Kingdom to prepare a proposal to amend the requirement for light trailers to be fitted with a secondary coupling device in Regulation No. 13 and incorporate it in Regulation No. 55.

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