

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

A. Proposal

Annex 3, paragraph 7.7.8.5.3., amend to read:

"7.7.8.5.3. The minimum number of priority seats complying with the requirements of Annex 8, paragraph 3.2. shall:
~~be four in Class I, two in Class II and one in Class A.~~

in vehicles of Class I be:

- **one if the surface S_o is less than or equal to 15 m² ;**
- **two if the surface S_o is greater than 15 m² but less than 20 m² ;**
- **four if the surface S_o is equal to or greater than 20 m² ;**

in vehicles of Class II be:

- **one if the surface S_o is less than or equal to 15 m² ;**
- **two if the surface S_o is greater than 15 m² ;**

in vehicles of Class A be one.

A seat that folds out of the way when not in use shall not be designated as a priority seat."

B. Justification

The existing requirements for the number of priority seats severely penalises small vehicles of Class I. A Class A vehicle having 22 passengers is required to have only 1 priority seat, whilst the same vehicle with a slightly different interior layout having 23 passengers, thus a Class I vehicle, is required to have 4 priority seats, in addition to a wheelchair space.

Paragraph 7.2.2.3. of Annex 3 specifies the number of required seating places according to the floor area available for passengers and crew and it is considered opportune to specify in paragraph 7.7.8.5.3. the number of required priority seats on the same basis.
