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# Proposal for Corrigendum 1 to the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 12 (Steering mechanism)

#### Submitted by the Working Party on Passive Safety\*

The text reproduced below was adopted by the Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP) at its forty-eight session. It is based on informal document GRSP-48-03-Rev.2 as reproduced in Annex VI to the report (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/48, para. 49). It is submitted to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and to the Administrative Committee (AC.1) for consideration.

<sup>\*</sup> In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2010-2014 (ECE/TRANS/208, para. 106, ECE/TRANS/2010/8, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

Paragraphs 13.1., amend to read:

"13.1. As from the date of entry into force of the 03 series of amendments to this Regulation, no Contracting Parties shall refuse an application for approval submitted in accordance with this Regulation as amended by the 03 series of amendments."

*Insert a new paragraph 13.2.*, to read:

"13.2. As from the official date of entry into force of the 04 series of amendments, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant ECE approval under this Regulation as amended by the 04 series of amendments."

Paragraph 13.2. (former), renumber as paragraph 13.3.

Paragraph 13.2.1., shall be deleted.

*Insert new paragraphs 13.3.1. to 13.3.3.*, to read:

- "13.3.1. Upon the expiration of a period of 36 months following the official date of entry into force referred to in paragraph 13.1. above, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall grant approval for category M<sub>1</sub> forward-control vehicles and category N<sub>1</sub> vehicles of less than 1.5 tonnes only if the vehicle type satisfies the requirements of this Regulation as amended by the 03 series of amendments, with the exception of the provisions laid down in paragraph 5.1. of this Regulation concerning the maximum vertical displacement of the steering column, which shall apply to new approvals only after a further period of 12 months.
- 13.3.2. Upon the expiration of a period of 48 months following the official date of entry into force referred to in paragraph 13.1. above, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall grant approval to category  $M_1$  vehicles other than forward-control vehicles only if the vehicle type satisfies the requirements of this Regulation as amended by the 03 series of amendments.
- 13.3.3. Upon the expiration of a period of 60 months following the official date of entry into force referred to in paragraph 13.1. above, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may refuse to recognize approvals of the vehicle type which have not been granted in accordance with the 03 series of amendments to this Regulation."

Paragraphs 13.2.2. and 13.2.3., renumber as paragraph 13.3.4. and amend to read:

"13.3.4. As from 24 months after the date of entry into force of the 04 series of amendments, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall grant ECE approvals only to those types of vehicles which comply with the requirements of this Regulation as amended by the 04 series of amendments.

However, in the case of vehicles having an electrical power train operating on high voltage, an additional period of 12 months is granted provided that the manufacturer demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Technical Service, that the vehicle provides equivalent levels of safety to those required by this Regulation as amended by the 04 series of amendments."

Paragraph 13.2.4.(former), renumber as paragraph 13.3.5. and amend to read:

"13.3.5. Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not refuse to grant extensions of approvals issued to the preceding series of amendments to this Regulation, when this extension does not entail any change to the propulsion system of the vehicle. However, as from 48 months after the official date of

entry into force of the 04 series of amendments, extensions to approvals issued to the previous series of amendments shall not be granted in respect of vehicles having an electrical power train operating on high voltage."

Paragraph 13.2.5.(former), renumber as paragraph 13.3.6. and amend to read:

"13.3.6. Where at the time of entry into force of the 04 series of amendments to this Regulation national requirements exist to address the safety provisions of vehicles having an electrical power train operating on high voltage, those Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may refuse national [approval][registration] of such vehicles not meeting the national requirements, unless these vehicles are approved to the 04 series of amendments to this Regulation."

Paragraph 13.2.6.(former), renumber as paragraph 13.3.7.

Insert a new paragraph 13.3.8., to read:

"13.3.8. Approvals of the vehicles to the 03 series of amendments to this Regulation which are not affected by the 04 series of amendments shall remain valid and Contracting Parties applying the Regulation shall continue to accept them."

Paragraphs 13.3. to 13.3.3. (former), renumber as paragraphs 13.4. to 13.4.3.

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