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Regulation No. 107 (M₂ and M₃ vehicles) – Proposals for further amendments**Proposal for amendments to Regulation No. 107****Submitted by the expert from the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers ***

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA) to base the required number of priority seats in vehicles of Class I upon the floor surface available for passengers. It is based on informal document No. GRSG-99-12 distributed at the ninety-ninth session of the Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG). The modifications to the current text of the Regulation are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters.

*In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2010–2014 (ECE/TRANS/208, para. 106 and 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.

I. 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: be four in Class I, two in Class II and one in Class A.~~

(a) in vehicles of Class I:

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

(b) in vehicles of Class II:

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

(c) one in vehicles of Class A.

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

II. Justification

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

2. 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 appropriate to specify in paragraph 7.7.8.5.3. the number of required priority seats on the same basis.