Proposal for the 01 series of amendments to UN Regulation No. 35 (Foot controls)

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA) to clarify the measurement method of the lateral distance of the pedals to the nearest "wall" to the left. It is based on informal document GRSG-115-17, presented at the 115th session of the Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG) (see report ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/94, para. 14). The modifications to the current text of UN Regulation No. 35 are marked in bold characters.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2018–2019 (ECE/TRANS/274, para. 123 and ECE/TRANS/2018/21/Add.1, Cluster 3.1), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update UN regulations to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.
I. Proposal

Paragraph 5.7., amend to read:

"5.7. The distances, respectively shown as "H" and "J" in Annex 4, between the projection of the service-brake pedal on to the reference plane "P" and the intersection of each of the walls with that plane shall be \( \geq 130 \) mm to the right and \( \geq 160 \) mm to the left for vehicles with three pedals, and \( \geq 130 \) mm to the right and \( \geq 120 \) mm to the left for vehicles with two pedals.

In case of a foot rest as declared by the manufacturer, installed for the driver's left foot, the shortest distance between the most left pedal and the wall shall be measured above the foot rest, and the minimum distance between the projection of the most left pedal and that foot rest on to the reference plane "P" shall be \( \geq 50 \) mm."

Insert new paragraphs 10. to 10.4., to read:

"10. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

10.1. As from the official date of entry into force of the 01 series of amendments, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant or refuse to accept type approvals under this Regulation as amended by the 01 series of amendments

10.2. As from 1 September 2020, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not be obliged to accept type approvals to the preceding series of amendments, first issued after 1 September 2020.

10.3. Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall continue to accept type approvals issued according to the preceding series of amendments to this Regulation first issued before 1 September 2020.

10.4. Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not refuse to grant type approvals according to any preceding series of amendments to this Regulation or extensions thereof."

Paragraph 10. (former), re-number as paragraph 11.

Annex 1, item 5, amend to read:

"5. Brief description of the vehicle type as regards the arrangement of foot controls and foot rest .........................................................."  

II. Justification

1. It should be possible to place the left foot normally in a position of rest on the floor surface or foot rest such that it is not trapped by the pedals. It should also be possible to actuate any pedal over its full travel without inadvertently operating floor-switches or other foot controls.

2. This proposal hence clarifies the measurement method for the lateral distances of the pedals to the nearest "wall" to the left. For safety and comfort reasons foot rests are installed for the drivers' left foot. The rest plane of such foot rests can intersect the measurement plane "P". This proposal clarifies that, in such cases, the required clearance for the left foot is measured on top of the foot rest, rather than between the left most pedal and the foot rest itself.
3. To ensure clearance of travel for the left most pedal (either service brake or clutch), an additional minimum distance between this pedal and the foot rest is introduced.

4. The proposal is introduced as a new series of amendments because it may add new constraints to some manufacturers.
Two pedals – Automatic transmission