

REGULATION No. 51
(Noise of M and N categories of vehicles)

Japanese Position to the document GRB-58-04

Submitted by the experts from Japan

The document GRB-58-04 is submitted as the draft proposal of R51-03 including the specifications for Acoustic Vehicle Alerting System (AVAS) by members of GRB Expert Group. Japan desires to agree on the R51-03 without the requirements for AVAS as soon as possible, and would not support the R51-03 with AVAS requirements.

Japan thinks that the regulation regarding the AVAS under 1958 Agreements should be considered after the output of QRTV GTR is established in 2014, taking into consideration the result of the discussion whether it should be separately developed as new UN Regulation or be a part of R51.

(Justification)

At present, QRTV GTR is under development in the QRTV informal group under UN/ECE/WP.29/GRB in the framework of 1998 Agreement, and experts are actively discussing the issues where the opinions of Contracting Parties differ such as the equipment of Pause Switch and the requirement of maximum sound limits of AVAS, in aim of submitting the draft GTR to WP.29 in November 2014.

Under these circumstances, the proposal to include into UN R51 under 1958 Agreement, the requirements for AVAS (Page 11, Annex 9 of Inf.doc.GRB-58-04) which are not yet agreed in the QRTV informal group is submitted by members of GRB Expert Group.

In order to promote the international harmonization of regulations, the most important things are to respect the contribution of each Contracting Parties of the QRTV informal group and to encourage the establishment of QRTV GTR as soon as possible. And GRB should promote to agree on the R51-03 without the requirements for AVAS as soon as possible.
