

Proposal for Supplement [x] to UN Regulation No. 48 (Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices)

I. Proposal

Paragraph 6.18.4.3., amend to read:

“6.18.4.3. In length: at least one side-marker lamp shall be fitted to the middle third of the vehicle, the foremost side-marker lamp being not further than 3 m **(4 m for semi-trailers)** from the front. The distance between two adjacent side-marker lamps shall not exceed 3 m. If the structure, design or the operational use of the vehicle makes it impossible to comply with such a requirement, this distance may be increased to 4 m.

The distance between the rearmost side-marker lamp and the rear of the vehicle shall not exceed 1 m.

However, for vehicles the length of which does not exceed 6 m and for chassis-cabs it is sufficient to have one side-marker lamp fitted within the first third and/or within the last third of the vehicle length. For M1 vehicles the length of which exceeds 6 m but does not exceed 7 m it is sufficient to

have one side-marker lamp fitted not further than 3 m from the front and one within the last third of the vehicle length.”

II. Justification

The required distance of the foremost side-marker lamp of 3 m from the front cannot always be achieved in case of semi-trailers, nevertheless it should be installed as close as possible to the front.

The proposal has been drawn up taking into account the special circumstances of some semitrailers (for example: curtain side trailers) and involves adapting the regulation for them.