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**UN Regulation No. 39 (Speedometer and Odometer)**

## **Proposal for Supplement 2 to the 01 Series of amendments to Regulation No. 39 (Speedometer and Odometer)**

### **Submitted by the experts from France\***

The text was reproduced below was prepared by the experts from France to amend the new UN Regulation on uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the speedometer and odometer equipment including its installation. The modifications to the existing text of the Regulation are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters.

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\* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2021 as outlined in proposed programme budget for 2021 (A/75/6 (Sect.20), para 20.51), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update UN Regulations in order to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate..

## I. Proposal

*Paragraph 5.5.1.*, amend to read:

"5.5.1. In the case of vehicles manufactured for sale in any country where imperial units are used, the odometer shall be marked in miles.

**If a setting makes it possible for the driver to choose between a total distance recorded by the vehicle since its entry into service in kilometres and miles, then the distance may be displayed only in either kilometres or miles at any one time. The corresponding unit shall permanently be displayed."**

## II. Justification

1. Some systems could let the opportunity for the driver to switch the odometer value from one unit to the other one, depending on the country of vehicle use. Even if this application could be relevant in case of second-hand sale in a different country for example, some potential confusion shall be avoided for the user.

2. In this way of application, the proposed text clarifies the applicable requirements in case this opportunity is given to the driver, including the same specifications as for speedometer with only one distance at a time and the associated displayed unit.

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