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Proposal for Supplement 2 to the 01 series of amendments of UN Regulation No. 39 (Speedometer and Odometer)

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the experts from France, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA) and the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA) to remove the categories M1 and N1 from the scope of the regulation to avoid duplication with UN Regulations Nos. 94, 95 and 153. It is based on informal document GRSG-121-35. The modifications to the current text of the UN Regulations are marked in bold for new and 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

Paragraphs 5.1., 5.2. to 5.4. and 5.5. to 5.5.1. (unchanged – cited for reference only):

“5.1. An onboard speedometer and odometer complying with the requirements of this Regulation shall be fitted to the vehicle to be approved.”

5.2 – 5.4 on Speedometer

“5.5. The display of the odometer shall be visible or accessible to the driver. The odometer shall display at least an integer number composed of a minimum of 6 numerals for the vehicles of categories M and N, and at least an integer number composed of a minimum of 5 numerals for the vehicles of category L. Nevertheless, the Type Approval Authorities may also accept an integer number composed of at least 5 numerals for the vehicles of categories M and N if the intended use of the vehicle justifies it.

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.”

Following paragraph 5.5.1.; insert new paragraph 5.5.2., to read:

“5.5.2. The odometer shall display the distance in the unit corresponding to that of the predominant speedometer scale. If a setting makes it possible for the driver to select the odometer display distance in km or miles independently of the speedometer, the odometer shall identify the unit used.”

II. Justification

The intention of this proposal is that the unit must be provided with each odometer value no matter whether the odometer is in km or miles, which is covered by the “new” paragraph 5.5.2.