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# Reverse Warning Regulation – UK Proposal

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# Reverse Warning Regulation

- The UK is currently not able to vote in favour of the proposed Regulation on reverse warning due to an incompatibility with national legislation.
- We should like to develop a solution with contracting parties that recognises national restrictions on these warning systems.
- The Regulation is a helpful step in improving safety around vehicles while manoeuvring. We are keen to adopt an amended version as soon as possible.

# UK National Legislation

- In the UK, there are prohibitions on the use of reversing alarms between 23:30 and 07:00 hours.
- These requirements have been in place for over 50 years to reduce both annoyance in urban areas and the health impacts associated with sleep disturbance due to excessive noise.

# Pause function

- The proposed Reverse Warning Regulation allows manufacturers to install a pause function.
- The installation of a pause function is limited to situations where the vehicle is fitted with a device for rear visibility as described by UN Regulation No. 158 (Reversing Motion).
- We recognise that the Regulation provides for self-adjusting sound levels based upon ambient background noise to mitigate disturbances.

# UK Proposal

- Once the Regulation enters into force, vehicles approved to the Regulation or complying with its provisions could not be used in GB.
- Our proposal seeks to allow manufacturers to install a pause function to vehicles for use in contracting parties where national time-based restrictions apply, irrespective of a rear visibility device being fitted.
- WP.29 informal document will be transmitted to GRBP 76<sup>th</sup> (September 2022).