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 76th (September 2022).