

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE SPECIAL RESOLUTION No.1
CONCERNING THE COMMON DEFINITIONS OF VEHICLE CATEGORIES,
MASSES AND DIMENSIONS (S.R.1)

(Submitted by the representatives of the United Kingdom and IMMA)

Note: This document contains a proposal to re-align the definitions of Category 3 vehicles with those of the L-category defined under the 1958 Agreement. The document has been prepared on the basis of the informal proposal made by IMMA at the 17th session of AC.3, and AC.3's agreement in principle.

PROPOSAL

Amend the Special Resolution N° 1 (SR1) to read:

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"Category 3-4 vehicle: motorcycle with sidecar" means a vehicle with three wheels asymmetrically arranged in relation to the longitudinal median plane with an engine cylinder capacity in the case of a thermic engine exceeding 50 cm³ or whatever the means of propulsion a maximum design speed exceeding 50 km/h.

"Category 3-5 vehicle: tricycle" means a vehicle with three wheels symmetrically arranged in relation to the longitudinal median plane with an engine cylinder capacity in the case of a thermic engine exceeding 50 cm³ or whatever the means of propulsion a maximum design speed exceeding 50 km/h.

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JUSTIFICATION

The definitions for motorcycles with sidecars and tricycle in SR1 currently read as follows:

"Category 3-4 vehicle: tricycle" means a vehicle with three wheels symmetrically arranged in relation to the longitudinal median plane with an engine cylinder capacity in the case of a thermic engine exceeding 50 cm³ or whatever the means of propulsion a maximum design speed exceeding 50 km/h.

"Category 3-5 vehicle: motorcycle with sidecar" means a vehicle with three wheels asymmetrically arranged in relation to the longitudinal median plane with an engine cylinder capacity in the case of a thermic engine exceeding 50 cm³ or whatever the means of propulsion a maximum design speed exceeding 50 km/h.

This is in **reverse order** from the equivalent definitions in the L-category, which read as follows:

"L₄ (motor cycle with sidecar): a vehicle with three wheels asymmetrically arranged in relation to the longitudinal median plane with an engine cylinder capacity in the case of a thermic engine exceeding 50 cm³ or whatever the means of propulsion a maximum design speed exceeding 50 km/h."

"L₅ (tricycle): a vehicle with three wheels symmetrically arranged in relation to the longitudinal median plane with an engine cylinder capacity in the case of a thermic engine exceeding 50 cm³ or whatever the means of propulsion a maximum design speed exceeding 50 km/h."

The purpose of the amendment is to realign these definitions so that there will be far less risk of mistakes in the transcription of gtrs into the equivalent ECE Regulation and, generally, to facilitate the understanding of the gtr proposals for experts coming from Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement.
