

Proposal for draft amendments to Regulation No. 107

Note: The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Germany in order to propose modifications to Regulation No. 107.

A. PROPOSAL

Annex 3,

Paragraph 7.6.2.7., amend to read:

"7.6.2.7. If escape hatches are fitted, they shall be positioned as follows: if there is only one hatch, it shall be situated in the middle third of the vehicle **in the case of vehicles of the Classes I, II or III, in vehicles of Class A or B, a single hatch shall be positioned in the centre area above the passenger compartment.** If there are two hatches, they shall be separated by a distance of at least 2 m measured between the nearest edges of the apertures in a line parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle."

B. JUSTIFICATION

Vehicles of Classes A and B quite often are based on commercial vehicles and usually provide a short roof top only. To require a single hatch to be placed in the centre third of the vehicles frequently causes substantial changes in design, which seems not justified, taking into account the short distances to be covered to gain access to any emergency exit.

The proposal maintains the same level of safety while providing more flexibility of design.
