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REGULATION No. 13

Note: The text reproduced below has been prepared by the expert from the United Kingdom in order to clarify the application of paragraph 5.2.2.9. in relation to category O₁ unbraked trailers specifically in respect to the requirement for fitment of secondary couplings.

The appropriate paragraphs of Regulation No. 13 are reproduced below for convenience:

"5.2.2. Vehicles of category O

5.2.2.1. Trailers of category O₁ need not be equipped with a **service braking system**; however, if a trailer of this category is equipped with a service braking system, it must satisfy the same requirements as a trailer of category O₂.

5.2.2.9. The braking systems must be such that the trailer is stopped automatically if the coupling separates while the trailer is in motion. However, this provision shall not apply to trailers with a maximum mass not exceeding 1.5 tonnes, on the condition that the trailers are equipped with, in addition to the coupling device, a secondary coupling (chain, wire rope, etc.) capable, in the event of separation of the main coupling, of preventing the drawbar from touching the ground and providing some residual steering action on the trailer."

The UK would like to explore with other contracting parties and manufacturers the intent of paragraph 5.2.2.9. in relation to secondary couplings and its application to unbraked O₁ trailers, and how it is applied in their country/territory. Some delegates may have been attending GRRF when this item was being discussed or have colleagues who are able to recall the discussion and intended application. This would be beneficial in helping to understand the original intention of paragraph 5.2.2.9. as it does not appear to be absolutely clear.
