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REGULATION No. 53

(Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices for L₃ category of vehicles)

Proposal for draft amendements

Proposal for Supplement 11 to the 01 series of amendments to Regulation No. 53

Submitted by the expert from the International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association */

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA) in order to amend the requirements for side retro reflectors. The modifications to the current text of the Regulation No. 53 are marked in bold characters.

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^{*/} In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2006-2010 (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 5.14.9., to be deleted

<u>Insert a new paragraph 5.15.3.</u>, to read:

"5.15. 3. side retro reflectors, non-triangular (paragraph 6.12.);"

B. JUSTIFICATION

There is a conflict between Regulation No. 53 and the corresponding EC Directive. In the EC directive, side retro reflectors are optional and in Regulation No. 53 they are mandatory.

Manufacturers would like to align these requirements, introducing an amendment to Regulation No. 53. To this aim, the expert from IMMA proposes that the side retro reflectors become optional in Regulation No. 53.
