

Proposal for Supplement 1 to the 05 series of amendments to Regulation No. 48 (Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices)

The modifications to the existing text of the Regulation are marked in bold characters.

I. Proposal

Paragraph 6.19.7.4, amend to read:

“6.19.7.4. ~~The lamps referred to in paragraph 5.11. are not~~ **The front and rear position lamps, the end-outline marker lamps, if they exist, the side-marker lamps, if they exist, or the rear registration plate lamp may be** switched ON when the daytime running lamps are switched ON, ~~except if daytime running lamps are operating according to paragraph 6.2.7.6.2.”~~

II. Justification

1. Drivers should be given an opportunity to increase conspicuity of their vehicles if they feel that they are vulnerable and not visible to other road users. Allowing drivers to activate lamps in addition to daytime running lamps may increase vehicle conspicuity hence vehicle safety.
 2. Manufacturers should be given freedom of design and opportunity to provide, at their discretion, additional safety feature of the vehicle.
 3. GRE has already decided that such activation of lamps listed in paragraph 5.11., serves safety purpose in case of vehicle without automatic headlamp switching system. If such use of devices listed in 5.11. is deemed safe (or increasing safety) now, why prohibit it in the future?
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