Proposal for amendments to UN Regulation No. 107 (M₂ and M₃ vehicles)

The text reproduced below has been prepared by the expert from Germany to introduce the automatic activation of the hazard warning lights upon detection of excess temperatures in engine and/or heater compartment. The modifications to the current text of the Regulation are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters.

I. Proposal

Annex 3, paragraph 7.5.1.5., amend to read:

"7.5.1.5. In the case of vehicles having the engine located to the rear of the driver's compartment, the compartment shall be equipped with an alarm system providing the driver with both an acoustic and a visual signal **and activating the hazard warning lights** in the event of excess temperature in the engine compartment and in each compartment where a combustion heater is located."

Annex 3, paragraph 7.5.6.2., amend to read:

"7.5.6.2. Upon detection, the system given in paragraph 7.5.6.1. shall provide the driver with both an acoustic and a visual signal in the driver's compartment and shall activate the hazard warning lights."

II. Justification

The newly introduced systems to detect excessive temperatures and/or smoke shall enable the driver to act immediately in order to ensure the safety of the passengers. It is considered necessary to provide other traffic participants surrounding the vehicle with the same possibility for immediate action, such as braking or in other way increasing the distance to the bus or coach in a potentially hazardous situation. Therefore the hazard warning lights shall be activated.

This document proposes to introduce the necessary requirements.

As UN Regulation No. 48 currently does not allow for automatic activation of the hazard warning lights due to the fire detection system, this subject needs to be discussed in GRE.
