Draft amendments to UN Regulations Nos. 58 and 73

Note: The text reproduced below has been prepared by the expert from the United Kingdom to explain our concerns about the exemptions in Regulations Nos. 58 and 73.

Regulation No. 58

UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF:

- I. REAR UNDERRUN PROTECTIVE DEVICES (RUPDS)
- II. VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THE INSTALLATION OF AN RUPD OF AN APPROVED TYPE
- III. VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THEIR REAR UNDERRUN PROTECTION (RUP)

Regulation No. 73

Uniform provisions concerning the approval of:

- I. Vehicles with regard to their lateral protection devices (LPD)
- II. Lateral protection devices (LPD)
- III. Vehicles with regard to the installation of LPD of an approved type according to Part II of this Regulation

Background

UN Regulations Nos. 58 and 73 contain exemptions which can be applied by an approval authority and we are concerned that a vehicle which is correctly approved using such an exemption cannot then be required to have an RUPD or sideguards.

We are therefore seeking the views of GRSG on how the wording of the exemptions may be improved to ensure that as many vehicles as possible are fitted with RUPD and sideguards.

II. Justification

Over the last five years, HGV traffic in London has been 3.35% of traffic but almost 40% of fatal collisions involving cyclists. We are currently amending our use regulations to remove exemptions from the fitment of sideguards to certain classes of vehicles.