Proposal for Supplement 4 to the 03 series of amendments and Supplement 1 to the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 11 (Door latches and hinges)

The modifications to the existing text of the Regulation are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters.

I. Proposal

Add a new paragraph 6.3.3.1., to read:

"6.3.3. Back Doors

Each back door equipped with an interior door handle or other interior latch release control, shall be equipped with at least one locking device located within the interior of the vehicle which, when engaged, prevents operation of the interior door handle or other interior latch release control and requires separate actions to unlock the door and operate the interior door handle or other interior latch release control.

6.3.3.1. The locking device may be:

- (a) A child safety lock system, or
- (b) A lock release/engagement device located within the interior of the vehicle and readily accessible, or
- (c) A system which renders the interior door handle or other interior latch release control for this door inoperative when the speed of the vehicle is greater than or equal to 4 km/h, or
- (d) Any combination of items (a), (b) or (c) above

II. Justification

The above proposal is based on the corresponding specifications for side door with rear mounted hinges (§6.1.5.4.).

The intention of the provision contained in Paragraph 6.3.3 is to ensure that there is an adequate protection to prevent the possibility of accidental opening of the door whilst the vehicle is in motion.

The provisions proposed in paragraph 6.3.3.1 provide for alternative possibilities to meet this requirement.