Proposal for amendment to UN Regualtion No. 73

(Lateral Protection Devices)

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the experts from Italy to amend UN Regulation No. 73 in order to add some specification regarding the interpretation of the exemption in particular for vehicles of category N2G and N3G. This proposal amends the existing text of the UN Regulation. The proposed changes are marked in bold

I. Proposal

Paragraph 13.3., amend to read:

"13.3. Vehicles where any LPD (e.g. fixed, removable, foldable, adjustable, etc.) is incompatible with their on-road use may be partly or fully exempted from this Regulation, subject to the decision of the Type Approval Authority." (1)

(1) Vehicles of category N2G, N3G where any LPD is incompatible with their off-road use and vehicles with integral Body may be fully exempted or as an alternative the lower edge of LPD shall at no point be more than 550mm.

Paragraph 16.2., amend to read:

"16.2. Vehicles where any LPD (e.g. fixed, removable, foldable, adjustable, etc.) is incompatible with their on-road use may be partly or fully exempted from this Regulation, subject to the decision of the Type Approval Authority." (1)

(2) Vehicles of category N2G, N3G where any LPD is incompatible with their off-road use and ehicles with integral Body may be fully exempted or as an alternative the lower edge of LPD shall at no point be more than 550mm.

II. Justification

With reference to the new proposed prescriptions (see GRSG -129-21 Rev.2) regarding the height of the LPD, it is important to ensure the correct interpretation of the exemptions by the Type Approval Authorities.