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Amendments to safety glazing regulations:

UN Regulation No. 43 (Safety Glazing)

Proposal for supplement 13 to the 01 Series of Amendments to UN Regulation No. 43 (Safety Glazing)

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the Kingdom of the Netherlands. It is the result of the discussions at the 130th session of the Working Party on General Safety Provisions, which were triggered by documents GRSG-130-24 and GRSG-125-23. The modifications to the current text of the UN Regulation are marked in bold for new characters.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2026 as outlined in proposed programme budget for 2026 (A/80/6 (Sect. 20), table 20.7), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update UN Regulations to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

I. Proposal

Insert new paragraph 6.3., to read:

- "6.3. Safety glazing located in a position requisite for driving visibility, may not be treated such, that it limits or restricts the visibility of the driver from outside, e.g. by applying a mirror or chameleon effect.**
- The minimum light transmittance provisions as described in Annex 24 apply from both directions."**

II. Justification

1. More and more vehicles are equipped with a kind of "privacy" foil to windscreens and front side windows after registration.
2. There are three main issues with this kind of safety glazing treatment:
 - (a) safety concern for road users due to lack of eye-contact with driver
 - (b) safety concern for law enforcement officers due to lack of visibility of the occupants within the interior of the vehicle
 - (c) enforcement issues of e.g. use of cell phone while driving.
3. Currently it is not clear whether these vehicles are in compliance with transparency requirements of UN Regulation No. 43 due to lack of clear provisions whether the transparency requirements apply from the exterior towards the interior or only from the interior towards the exterior. GRSG, at its 130th session, expressed its position that the transparency requirements (shall) apply from both directions. This proposal aims to take this unclarity away.
