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## PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENT TO REGULATION No. 36:

(Large passenger vehicles)

## Transmitted by the expert from Germany

<u>Note</u>: The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Germany in order to clarify the text of the Regulation. It is based on a document distributed without a symbol (informal document No. 12) during the eighty-fourth session (TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/63, para. 5). The amendments are indicated in bold character.

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## A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 5.7.8.5.1., amend to read:

"5.7.8.5.1 For a seat behind a partition or other rigid structure other than a seat, a minimum clear space in front of each passenger seat shall be provided as shown in annex 3, figure 8. The seat back of another preceding seat or Alternatively a partition whose contour corresponds approximately to that of the inclined seat back may intrude into this space as provided by paragraph 5.7.8.4. The local presence in this space of seat legs shall also be permitted provided that adequate space remains for the passengers feet."

Insert a new paragraph 5.7.8.5.2., to read:

"5.7.8.5.2. For a seat behind a seat and/or a seat facing the gangway, a minimum clear foot space of at least 300 mm depth and a width according to paragraph 5.7.8.1. shall be provided. The local presence in this space of seat legs shall be permitted provided that adequate space remains for the passengers' feet. This foot space may partly be situated in and/or above the gangway but shall not create any obstruction when measuring the *minimum* gangway-width in accordance with paragraph 5.7.5."

Paragraph 5.7.8.5.2, renumber as paragraph 5.7.8.5.3.

Annex 3,

The title of figure 8, amend to read:

"Space for seated passengers behind a partition or other rigid structure other than a seat (see paragraph 5.7.8.5.1)"

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## B. JUSTIFICATION

The intention of the proposal is:

- 1. to clarify the interpretation of paragraph 5.7.8.5.1. and annex 3 figure 8, which was intended not to impose any additional requirements on seat spacing but instead to determine the clear space between a passenger seat and a partition or other rigid structure other than a seat, and
- 2. to clarify that the foot space in front of each passenger seat may be so located such that parts of the foot space "intrude" into the gangway, either on the floor or above it. In any case, while measuring the gangway width with the respective testing gauge, the foot space shall not obstruct movement of the gauge.