

PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 53

(Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices for L3 category vehicles)

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**A. PROPOSAL**

Insert a new paragraph 5.11.1., to read:

"5.11.1. The headlamp shall automatically turn on when the engine is running. There shall be a control within reach of the driver in his normal seating position which enables the headlamp to be turned off and on again."

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**B. JUSTIFICATION**

The Japan proposal (TRANS/WP.29/GRE/2003/12/Rev.1) to require Automatic Headlamp On (AHO) has been noted. The UK recognises the need to harmonise regulations but there have been some objections to this proposal in the UK. The UK does not have a law that requires the use of motorcycle headlamps in the daytime.

Therefore UK proposes this document as a compromise solution which will require the headlamp to be switched on automatically whenever the engine is started. Nevertheless, the provision for a mandatory control will allow the headlamp to be turned on even when the engine is not running (e.g. while waiting at railway crossings) and will ensure that there is a means for the motorcyclist to turn off the headlamp when it is not required.