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Regulation No. 121 (Identification of controls, tell-tales and indicators)

Proposal for amendments to Regulation No. 121


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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in order to define the markings of the vehicle stability function operation and warning lamps. The modifications to the current text of the Regulation are marked in bold characters.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2006-2010 (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

A. Proposal

Table 1, insert a new row, to read:

[43].	Electronic Stability Control (Including malfunction)	 or ESC	Tell-tale	Yes	Yellow
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B. Justification

1. At the sixty-sixth session of the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF), the group agreed that the Electronic Stability Control (ESC) system should have dedicated yellow warning lamp(s) to alert the driver of ESC intervention or to warn of a defect. However, these lamps do not need any marking to distinguish them from other yellow warning lamps.

2. At the sixty-seventh session of the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF), the group agreed that the UK should propose a symbol to identify the ESC system in Regulation No. 121 rather than in Regulation Nos 13 and 13-H. The symbol proposed above has already been agreed and is used in gtr No. 8 (Electronic Stability Control).

3. This symbol will enable the driver and enforcement authorities to distinguish the ESC system lamp from other system warning lamps.