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Regulation No. 107 (M₂ and M₃ vehicles) – Requirements for service doors, windows and emergency exits**Proposal for amendments to Regulation No. 107****Submitted by the expert from the expert from the International Association of the Body and Trailer Building Industry ***

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the International Association of the Body and Trailer Building Industry (CLCCR) in order to prohibit escape hatches fitted in the roof of a vehicle when the use of such hatches may present a danger to passengers. It is based on ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2009/16 and informal document-GRSG-97-20. 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

Annex 3

Insert a new paragraph 7.6.1.12., to read:

“7.6.1.12. There shall be no escape hatches fitted where technical components are installed which present possible dangers to passengers using the escape hatches (e.g. high voltage systems, systems containing dangerous liquids and/or gas, etc.).”

Paragraphs 7.6.1.12. to 7.6.1.15. (former), renumber as paragraphs 7.6.1.13. to 7.6.1.16.

Paragraph 7.6.2.4., amend to read:

“7.6.2.4. ...this provision is fulfilled if an escape hatch is fitted, or, if paragraph 7.6.1.12. applies, an additional exit to those specified in 7.6.1., is fitted on each side of the vehicle. For double-deck vehicles”

B. Justification

Paragraph 7.6.1.12.

1. The current text of Regulation No. 107, 02 series of amendments, does not prohibit escape hatches fitted in the roof of a vehicle when the hatches may present a danger to passengers using them. However, there is such a provision in paragraph 5.6.1.9. of Regulation No. 36, 03 series of amendments relative to trolleybuses.

Paragraph 7.6.2.4.

2. If the construction of a Class I vehicle does not permit the installation of an exit either in the rear or front face and when the installation of an escape hatch is considered dangerous for passengers, an additional exit on both sides of the vehicle should be provided. This is considered satisfactory for the evacuation of passengers from these Class I vehicles, which are not prone to roll-over due to their relatively low speed. This possibility already exists in Belgium.
