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#### **1958 Agreement – Consideration of draft amendments to existing Regulations submitted by GRRF**

## **Proposal for Supplement 6 to the 01 series of amendments to Regulation No. 55 (Mechanical couplings)**

### **Submitted by the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear\***

The text reproduced below was adopted by the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF) at its eighty-first session (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/81, para. 12). It is based on Annex II of the session report. It is submitted to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and to the Administrative Committee AC.1 for consideration at their June 2016 sessions.

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\* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2016–2017 (ECE/TRANS/254, para. 159 and ECE/TRANS/2016/28/Add.1, cluster 3.1), 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.

## Supplement 6 to the 01 series of amendments to Regulation No. 55 (Mechanical couplings)

*Annex 2, insert item 23., to read:*

"23.           Remarks: ....."

*Annex 7, paragraph 1.1.4., amend to read:*

"1.1.4.       When the trailer is not coupled to the towing vehicle, the mounted towing bracket and coupling ball shall not (partly) obscure, within the planes of geometrical visibility, any lighting component (e.g. rear fog lamp) or the space for mounting and the fixing of the rear registration plate of the towing vehicle, unless the installed mechanical coupling device can be removed or repositioned without the use of any tools, except an easily operated (i.e. an effort not exceeding twenty (20) Nm) release key which is carried in the vehicle.

If the installed mechanical coupling device is capable of (partly) obscuring any lighting component and/or space for mounting and the fixing of the rear registration plate of the towing vehicle, this shall be duly noted in the test report and clearly stated under 'Remarks' on the vehicle type approval communication form.

If an alternative location for the space for mounting and the fixing of the rear registration plate of the towing vehicle and/or any lighting device is specified by the vehicle manufacturer in the context of a mechanical coupling device (partly) obscuring either one or both, this shall be duly noted in the test report and clearly stated under 'Remarks' on the vehicle type approval communication form."

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