

Proposal for change of the definition of Class II vehicles
(Regulation No. 107)

A. PROPOSAL

Section 2, paragraph 2.1.1.2:

Alternative 1:

"Class II": vehicles constructed principally for the carriage of seated passengers, and designed to allow the carriage of standing passengers in the gangway and/or in an area which does not exceed the space provided for two double seats. The surface of wheelchair space(s) shall not be included.

Alternative 2:

"Class II": vehicles constructed principally for the carriage of seated passengers, and designed to allow the carriage of standing passengers in the gangway and/or in an area which does not exceed the space provided for two double seats, excluding wheelchair space(s).

B. JUSTIFICATION

In the accordance to the present definition of class II bus, in our opinion, class II buses can have no more than one wheelchair space. The problem arises when there are more than one wheelchair spaces in a class II vehicle. Then the (available) area for standing passengers exceeds "the place provided for two double seats", which can lead to the conclusion that the bus is no longer a class II vehicle, but should be regarded as a class I vehicle (city bus).

It must be possible to have more than one wheelchair space in a class II bus. In our opinion, regulations may not discriminate disabled people. In principle, the wheelchair space should not be regarded as an area for standing passengers in the definition of bus class.
