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**Forgeries of H7 bulbs with approval number E14 2FL**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On 22 October 2008, VCA North America informed us of its annual safety review of vehicle components. This review also included tests of H7 bulbs bearing approval number E14 2FL (E14 = Switzerland). As the tests revealed that these bulbs did not meet the technical specifications of ECE Regulation 37, VCA North America contacted us for a response.

Enquiries by our designated technical service METAS<sup>1</sup> revealed that no such tests have ever been conducted on H7 bulbs to date. Furthermore, FEDRO<sup>2</sup> has never issued approvals for H7 bulbs. It would therefore appear that the H7 bulbs tested by VCA North America are forgeries that have illegally been labelled with approval number E14 2FL.

We therefore request the Secretariat of WP.29 to circulate this letter at the next WP.29 meeting so that the countries concerned are notified of the situation and able to take the necessary measures. We thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully,

**Road Traffic Division**

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<sup>1</sup> METAS, Swiss Federal Office of Metrology and Accreditation, Lindenweg 50, CH 3003 Bern-Wabern (Designated technical service no. 14/B)

<sup>2</sup> FEDRO: Office fédéral des routes, Division circulation routière, Section of vehicle homologation, CH-3003 Bern (Designated administrative department no. 14/A)