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# Proposal for the [01] series of amendments to Regulation No. 23 (Reversing lights)

## Submitted by the Chair of the task force on courtesy lamp of the Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling\*

The text reproduced below was prepared by the experts of the task force on "Courtesy Lamps" of the Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling (GRE), to find a common solution for the introduction of approved exterior courtesy lamps and manoeuvring lamps according to Regulation No. 23, as agreed during the sixty-fourth session of GRE (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/64 paras. 10 and 23). The modifications to the existing text of the Regulation are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters.

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

### I. Proposal

Paragraph 0, the scope, amend to read:

## "0. Scope

This Regulation applies to:

- (a) Reversing lamps for vehicles of categories M, N, O, and T<sup>1</sup>
- (b) Manoeuvring lamps for vehicles of categories M1, N1, and
- (c) Exterior courtesy lamps for vehicles of categories M and N"

Insert new paragraphs 1.2. and 1.3., to read

- "1.2. "Exterior courtesy lamp" means a lamp used to provide supplementary illumination to assist during the entry and exit of the vehicle driver and passenger or in loading operations;
- 1.3. "Manoeuvring lamp" means a lamp used to provide supplementary illumination to the side of the vehicle to assist during slow manoeuvres;"

Paragraphs 1.2. to 1.4.(former), renumber as paragraphs 1.4. to 1.6.

Paragraphs 2.2. to 2.2.1., amend to read:

- "2.2. For each type of reversing lamp or exterior courtesy lamp or manoeuvring lamp, the application shall be accompanied by:
- 2.2.1. drawings, in triplicate, in sufficient detail to permit identification of the type of the reversing lamp **or exterior courtesy lamp or a manoeuvring lamp** and showing in what geometrical position(s) the ...approval mark;

In addition the mounting height and the orientation of the reference axis of the exterior courtesy lamp or of the manoeuvring lamp(s) shall be indicated in the drawing in relation to the ground, the vertical and the longitudinal axis."

Paragraph 3, amend to read:

## "3. Markings

The samples of a type of reversing lamp or exterior courtesy lamp or manoeuvring lamp submitted for approval shall:"

Paragraphs 4.1. to 4.3., amend to read:

- "4.1. If the two samples of a type of reversing lamp **or exterior courtesy lamp or a manoeuvring lamp** meet the requirements of this Regulation, approval shall be granted.
- 4.2. An approval number shall be assigned to each type approved. The same Contracting Party shall not assign the same number to another type of reversing lamp or exterior courtesy lamp or manoeuvring lamp covered by this Regulation. Notice of approval or of extension ... Annex 1 to this Regulation.

4.3. Every reversing lamp **or exterior courtesy lamp or manoeuvring lamp** conforming to a type approved under this Regulation shall bear...in paragraphs 3.1., 3.2. and 3.3. or 3.5. respectively:"

Paragraphs 4.3.2. to 4.3.4., amend to read:

"4.3.2. On devices meeting ...shown in Annex 2 to this Regulation.

On devices meeting the requirements of this Regulation in respect of the exterior courtesy lamps an additional symbol consisting of letters C and L, arranged as shown in Annex 2 to this Regulation.

On devices meeting the requirements of this Regulation in respect of the manoeuvring lamps an additional symbol consisting of letters M and L, arranged as shown in Annex 2 to this Regulation.

- 4.3.3. The first two digits ...symbols "AR" or "CL" or "ML"."
- 4.3.4. On **reversing** lamps of which..."

Paragraph 4.6., amend to read:

"4.6. The mark ... is mounted on the vehicle.

In the case of an exterior courtesy lamp or a manoeuvring lamp:

A space large enough to accommodate the approval mark on the lens or on its protective housing, which shall be legible when the device has been mounted on the vehicle shall be provided. Other components of the device shall bear the name of the manufacturer and a means of identification. In case of limited space for the approval mark(s) it shall be placed on a part of the vehicle which is permanently connected to the manoeuvring lamp or on the vehicle data plate.

The space for the approval mark shall be shown on the drawings referred to paragraph 2.2. above or indicated in the application for approval."

Paragraph 4.7., amend to read:

"4.7. Annex 2 gives...in which the letters A and R or C and L or M and L are mingled."

*Insert a new paragraph 6.1.*, to read:

"6.1. Intensity of the light specifications for reversing lamps"

Paragraphs 6.1. to 6.5.(former), renumber as paragraphs 6.1.1. to 6.1.5.

Insert new paragraphs 6.2 to 6.3.3., to read:

- "6.2. Intensity of the light specifications for exterior courtesy lamps
- 6.2.1. The intensity shall be not larger than [500] candelas in the angular field defined in para 6.2.3 when installed in any mounting position specified by the applicant

### [6.2.2. To the side:

The device must be so designed that no light is emitted directly towards the outer side, the front or the rear of the vehicle. This could be determined either

during the type approval procedure of that device, corresponding to conditions in paragraph 6.2.3. equivalent to the installation on the vehicle (see paragraph 6.24.9.3. of Regulation No. 48.).

No parts of the apparent surface of these lamps shall be observable, if viewed by an observer moving within a Zone in a transverse plane 1 m to [3]m above the ground and situated 10 m from the vehicle; or

during the type approval procedure of that device, corresponding to paragraph 6.24.9.3. of Regulation No. 48.

6.2.3. The test procedure in the laboratory shall be such:

The measurement distance shall be in minimum [10] m;

The vertical angle  $\phi_{min}$  (in degree) for the lower observer position is:

 $\varphi_{\min}$  = arctan ((1-mounting height)/10; with the mounting height in m

The vertical angle  $\phi_{max}$  (in degree) for the upper observer position is:

$$\varphi_{\min} = \varphi_{\max} + 11,3.$$

The horizontal angle for the observer is  $\pm 90^{\circ}$  to a line which cuts the reference axis and is perpendicular to the vertical longitudinal plain of the vehicle.]

[or]

[6.2.2. To the side:

The device must be so designed that no light is emitted directly towards the outer side, the front or the rear of the vehicle. This shall be determined at the whole vehicle during the type approval procedure corresponding to Regulation No. 48.]

- 6.3. Intensity of the light specifications for manoeuvring lamps
- 6.3.1. The intensity shall be not larger than [1000] candelas in the angular field when installed in any mounting position specified by the applicant
- [6.3.2. To the side:

The device must be so designed that no light is emitted directly towards the side, the front or the rear of the vehicle. This could be determined either during the type approval procedure of that device, corresponding to conditions in paragraph 6.3.3. equivalent to the installation on the vehicle (see paragraph 6.26.9. of Regulation No 48).

No parts of the apparent surface of these lamps shall be observable, if viewed by an observer moving within a Zone in a transverse plane 1m to [3]m above the ground and situated 10 m from the vehicle; or

During the type approval procedure of that device, corresponding to paragraph 6.26.9. of Regulation No. 48;

In any of these cases above, the relevant information shall be noticed in the communication document in Annex 1, paragraph 9.

#### 6.3.3. The test procedure in the laboratory shall be such:

The measurement distance shall be in minimum [10] m;

The vertical angle  $\phi_{min}$  (in degree) for the lower observer position is:

 $\varphi_{min}$  = arctan ((1-mounting height)/10; with the mounting height in m The vertical angle  $\varphi_{max}$  (in degree) for the upper observer position is:

$$\varphi_{\min} = \varphi_{\max} + 11,3.$$

The horizontal angle for the observer is  $\pm 90^{\circ}$  to a line which cuts the reference axis and is perpendicular to the vertical longitudinal plain of the vehicle.]

[or]

#### [6.3.3. To the side:

The device must be so designed that no light is emitted directly towards the outer side, the front or the rear of the vehicle. This shall be determined at the whole vehicle during the type approval procedure corresponding to Regulation No. 48.]"

Paragraphs 6.2. to 6.5.(former), renumber as paragraphs 6.4. to 6.7.

Paragraph 8., amend to read:

## "8. Colour of light emitted

In the case of reversing lamps the colour of the light emitted inside the field of the light distribution grid defined at paragraph 2. of Annex 3 shall be white.

In the case of exterior courtesy lamps or manoeuvring lamps the colour of the light emitted inside the field of the whole light distribution shall be white.

To check these colorimetric characteristics, the test procedure described in paragraph 7. of this Regulation shall be applied. Outside this field no sharp variation of colour shall be observed.

However, for lamps..."

Paragraph 10.1., amend to read:

"10.1. The approval granted in respect of a type of reversing lamp **or exterior courtesy lamp or manoeuvring lamps** pursuant to this Regulation may be withdrawn if the foregoing requirements are not complied with or if the reversing lamp **or exterior courtesy lamp or manoeuvring lamps** bearing the mark referred to in paragraphs 4.3.1. and 4.3.2. does not conform to the type approved."

Paragraph 11., amend to read:

## "11. Production definitely discontinued

If the holder of the approval completely ceases to manufacture a type of reversing lamp **or exterior courtesy lamp or manoeuvring lamps** approved in accordance with this Regulation, ...."

Annex 1, amend to read:

### "Annex 1

## Communication

of a type of reversing lamp pursuant to Regulation No. 23 Approval No... Extension No. of a type of exterior courtesy lamp pursuant to Regulation No. 23 Extension No. ... Approval No... of a type of manoeuvring lamp pursuant to Regulation No. 23 Approval No... Extension No. ... Trade name or mark of the device: 1. 9. Concise description Geometrical conditions of installation and relating variations; if any: ..... Test procedure for the illumination to the side: [Visibility to the side of the apparent surface tested for the type of exterior courtesy lamp pursuant to Regulation No. 23 paragraph 6.2.3. Tested with this approval: yes/ no <sup>2</sup> In the case of "no" it shall be evaluated corresponding to paragraph 6.24.9.3. of Regulation No. 48.

for a type of manoeuvring lamp pursuant to Regulation No. 23 paragraph 6.3.3.

Tested with this approval: yes/no<sup>2</sup>

In the case of "no" it shall be evaluated corresponding to paragraph 6.26.9. of Regulation No. 48.]

10. ...

11. Comments

**In the case of a reversing lamp,** this device shall be installed on a vehicle only as part of a pair of devices: yes/no <sup>2</sup>.....

..."

Annex 2, amend to read:

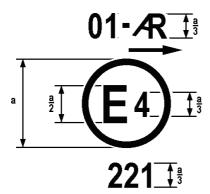
### "Annex 2

## **Examples of arrangements of approval marks**

Figure 1

Marking for single lamps

Model A



a = 8 mm min.

The device bearing the approval mark shown above is a reversing lamp approved in the Netherlands (E4) pursuant to Regulation No. 23 under approval number 221. The approval number indicates that the approval was granted in accordance with the requirements of Regulation No. 23 in its original form or as amended by Supplements 1 and/or 2, as the case may be by the [01] series of amendments. The arrow indicates the side on which the required photometric specifications are met up to an angle of 45° H.

Note: The approval .... symbols.

Figure 2

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### Model B

	33333	2a	R
	E4 IA	01	01
	F	AR	\$2
	00	01	01

#### Model C

	IA <u>2a R</u> 02 01 01 F AR S2 00 01 01 3333	

#### Model D

IA 2a R 02 01 01 F AR S2 00 01 01		
33333 <b>E</b> 4		

*Note:* The three examples ...

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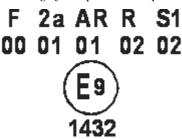
A rear fog lamp (F) approved in accordance with Regulation No. 38 in its original form;

A reversing lamp (AR) approved in accordance with Regulation No. 23 as amended by the [01] series of amendments in its original form;

A stop lamp with two levels of illumination (S2) approved in accordance with the 02 series of amendments to Regulation No. 7.

Model E

Marking of independent lamps



The above example corresponds to the marking of a lens intended to be used in different types of lamps. The approval marks indicate that the device was approved in Spain (E9) under approval number 1432 and comprises:

...

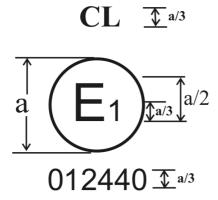
Figure 3

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The light source module bearing the identification code shown above has been approved together with a lamp approved in Italy (E3) under approval number 17325.

Figure 4

Marking for an exterior courtesy lamps



a = 5 mm min

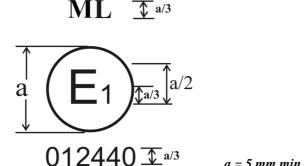
The device bearing the approval mark shown above is a exterior courtesy lamp approved in Germany (E1) pursuant to Regulation No. 23 under approval number 2440.

The approval number indicates that the approval was granted in accordance with the requirements of Regulation No. 23 as amended by the [01] series of amendments.

Note: The approval number and additional symbol shall be placed close to the circle and either above or below the letter "E" or to the left or right of that letter. The digits of the approval number and of the production serial number shall be on the same side of the letter "E" and face the same direction. The use of Roman numerals as approval numbers should be avoided so as to prevent any confusion with other symbols.

Figure 5

Marking for an manoeuvring lamps



The device bearing the approval mark shown above is a manoeuvring lamp approved in Germany (E1) pursuant to Regulation No. 23 under approval number 2440.

The approval number indicates that the approval was granted in accordance with the requirements of Regulation No. 23 in its original form as amended by the [01] series of amendments.

Note: The approval number and additional symbol shall be placed close to the circle and either above or below the letter "E" or to the left or right of that letter. The digits of the approval number and of the production serial number shall be on the same side of the letter "E" and face the same direction. The use of Roman numerals as approval numbers should be avoided so as to prevent any confusion with other symbols."

Annex 3

Paragraph 1. amend to read:

"1. Measurement methods **general**"

Paragraph 2, amend to read:

"2. **For reversing lamps the** measuring Points expressed in degrees of angle with the axis of reference and values of the minimum intensities of the light emitted"

### II. Justification

- 1. This proposal is based on Informal documents Nos. GRE-64-45/Rev1 (tabled by the expert from the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA)) and GRE-64-47 (tabled by the expert from Germany), regarding Regulation No. 23 and distributed during the sixty-fourth session of GRE.
- 2. Following these discussions, in Regulation No. 23 test conditions are introduced for exterior courtesy lamps and manoeuvring lamps. The experts from the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and Germany strongly endorse approved lamps for these new two functions to avoid any misuse by so called exterior courtesy lamps as described in the current version of the Regulation No. 48.
- 3. The proposed test procedure is kept simple and it offers the opportunity to evaluate visibility to the side during the type approval procedures for the device or for the vehicle, because it requires the checking of visibility of the apparent surface inside a specified area, instead of a photometric measuring procedure.