

Seeking views on Paragraph 6.21.4 of Regulation 48 (Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices)

The UK would like to seek the views of contracting parties on the application of conspicuity markings to the cabs of vehicles according to Paragraph 6.21.4.

The current text of paragraph 6.21.4.2.1. requires that the conspicuity marking extends to within 600mm of each end of the vehicle. Figure 1 shows one possible interpretation of this requirement for a rigid vehicle fitted with a box body. In this example the line element of the marking extends onto the cab to comply with the requirement that the marking extends within 600mm of the front end of the vehicle.

However, paragraph 6.21.4.2.2.1, which specifies the cumulative length of the marking, excludes the cab from the calculation. This implies that the marking on the cab is not necessary, contradicting paragraph 6.21.4.2.1.

Before drafting a proposal to clarify the text the UK would be interested in views on:

- a) Whether the original intention was to exclude the vehicle cab in all cases and,
- b) If not, the reason to exclude the cab from the calculation of cumulative length.

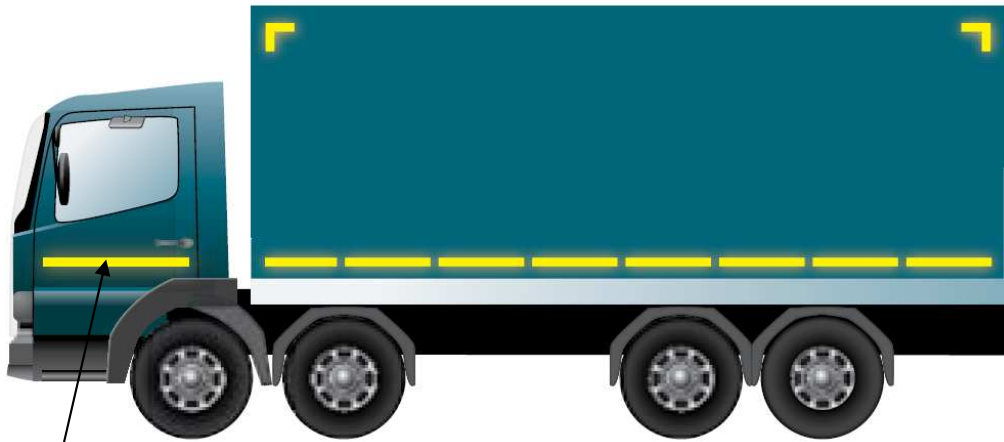
Background

The original text introducing requirements on the mandatory fitment of conspicuity markings was agreed at the 55th GRE, see paragraph 36 & 37 of the meeting report, TRANS/WP.29/GRE/55. This was sent for consideration by the 138th WP29 as document WP29/2006/15. In this document the text proposed for paragraph 6.21.4.2.2.1. does not include the words "excluding the cab".

The document was subsequently adopted together with amendments submitted by AC.1 in document WP29/2006/15/Amend.1. This amendment adds the text "excluding the cab" to paragraph 6.21.4.2.2.1.

The report to the meeting states that "WP.29 agreed to exclude the mandatory installation of conspicuity markings on cabs of tractors for semi-trailers and the cabs of chassis-cabs", WP29/1050 paragraph 46 & 47, but makes no mention of excluding the cabs of vehicles with other body styles.

Figure 1 Example of vehicle marking



Marking required on cab?
Paragraph 6.21.4.2.1