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Regulation No. 107 (M₂ and M₃ vehicles) - Proposals for further amendments**Proposal for draft amendments to Regulation No. 107
(M₂ and M₃ vehicles)****Submitted by the expert from the European Liaison Committee of the
Body and Trailer Building Industry***

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the European Liaison Committee of the Body and Trailer Building Industry (CLCCR) to ensure the lateral stability of a rearward facing wheelchair by restraint with a rigid device or with a flexible strap anchoring the wheelchair. The modifications to the existing text of the Regulation are marked in bold characters.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2010–2014 (ECE/TRANS/208, para. 106 and ECE/TRANS/2010/8, 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

Annex 8, paragraph 3.8.4.1.5., amend to read:

"3.8.4.1.5. A retractable handrail or any equivalent rigid **and/or other** device shall be fitted on the opposite side of the wheelchair space in order to restrict any lateral shift of the wheelchair and to allow the wheelchair user to grasp it easily."

II. Justification

A good method of ensuring the lateral stability of a rearward facing wheelchair is by restraining it with a rigid device or with a flexible strap anchoring the wheelchair. The current text of UN Regulation No. 107 does not permit flexible straps, as asked for by many bus operators. To be able to offer this flexibility to bus operators who have knowledge of the preferences of wheelchair users and who would like to be able to act according to their customers' preferences and concerns, CLCCR proposes with the above mentioned amendment the flexibility of offering whichever device the bus operators finds best for their wheelchair customers.
