Proposal for Supplement 8 to the 02 series of amendments to Regulation No. 117 (Tyres, rolling resistance, rolling noise and wet grip)

This proposal is an alternative to that represented in document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/2015/9 and GRRF-79-19. The modifications to the existing text of the Regulation are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters.

I. Proposal

Insert new paragraph 12.8., to read:

"12.8. Until 13 February 2019 (60 months after the entry into force of Supplement 4 to the 02 series of amendments of this Regulation) Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may continue to grant type approvals according to the 02 series of amendments to this Regulation, based on the provisions of Annex 4 to this Regulation."

Annex 3, paragraph 2.1., amend to read:

"2.1. Test site

The test shall consist of a central section ... testing.

The test track shall be such that the conditions ... the surface of the test track and the dimensions of the test site shall be in accordance with ISO 10844:2011. Until the end of the period indicated in paragraph 12.8. of this Regulation the specifications for the test site may be in accordance with Annex 4 to this Regulation.

A central part of at least ..."

Annex 4, Title, Footnote 1., amend the reference to paragraph 12.8.

II. Justification

1. Supplement 4 to the 02 series of amendments to Regulation No. 117 (document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2013/55) introduced the requirements to the test track for noise measurement by reference to ISO 10844:2011 instead of Annex 4 to this Regulation as it was before. In document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2013/55 the reference to Annex 4 was

deleted in Annex 3, paragraph 2.1., which may lead to misinterpretation of provisions. When document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2013/55 was adopted at the 160th WP.29 session in June 2013, the footnote 1 was added to the title of Annex 4 reading: "The specifications for the test site reproduced in this annex are valid until the end of the period indicated in paragraph 12.9. of this Regulation." (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1104, para. 67). Supplement 4 was entered into force on 13 February 2014, so the 60-month transitional period ends on 13 February 2019 (see the 1958 Agreement status document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/343/Rev.22).

- 2. Supplement 6 to the 02 series of amendments to Regulation No. 117 (document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2013/66 adopted at the 162nd WP.29 session in March 2014) occasionally deleted paragraphs 12.8. and 12.9. of the transitional provisions, which referred to implementation of Supplement 4. Therefore the provisions of those paragraphs have to be reinstated.
- 3. The current wording of Annex 3, paragraph 2.1. contains reference to ISO 10844:2011, which makes necessary to use the test site as specified in that standard. With such wording the former paragraph 12.8. (see document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/2013/9) is not needed.
- 4. It is necessary to reinstate the reference to Annex 4 in paragraph 2.1. of Annex 3.
- 5. Once the exact period of applicability of such reference is known, it is proposed to clearly indicate that in the former paragraph 12.9, which in this proposal is renumbered to 12.8. It is proposed to make clear reference to Annex 4 instead of Supplement 4, which would help to avoid investigations on the subject of Supplement 4.
- 6. The reference to paragraph 12.9. in the footnote to the title of Annex 4 shall be respectively corrected to 12.8.