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Proposal for amendments to Regulation No. 73 (Lateral protection devices)

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to ensure that lateral protection devices are fitted to as many vehicles as possible. It is based on informal document GRSG-109-17 distributed during the 109th session of the Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG) (see report ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/88, para. 31). The modifications to the current text of the Regulation are marked in strikethrough for deleted characters.

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I.   Proposal

Paragraph 1.2., amend to read (deleting paragraph 1.2.2.):

"1.2.   This Regulation does not apply to:

1.2.1.   Tractors for semi-trailers.

1.2.2.   ~~Vehicles designed and constructed for special purposes where it is not possible, for practical reasons, to fit lateral protection devices.~~"

II.   Justification

This proposal aims at improving the clarity of the current provisions and ensuring that lateral protection devices are fitted to as many vehicles as possible. There are specific provisions for vehicles, and for the installation of lateral protection devices set out in paragraphs 13. and 16. respectively.

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