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Regulation No. 121

UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THE LOCATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF HAND CONTROLS, TELL- TALES AND INDICATORS

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1.

SCOPE

This Regulation applies to vehicles of categories M and N ^{1/}. It specifies requirements for the location, identification, colour, and illumination of motor vehicle hand controls, tell-tales and indicators. It is designed to ensure the accessibility and visibility of vehicle controls, tell-tales, and indicators and to facilitate their selection under daylight and night-time conditions, in order to reduce the safety hazards caused by the diversion of the driver's attention from the driving task and by mistakes in selecting controls.

^{1/} Categories M and N as defined in Annex 7 to the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3) (document TRANS/WP.29/78/Rev.1/Amend.2 as last amended by Amend.4).

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2.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Regulation

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2.1.

"Control" means that hand-operated part of a device that enables the driver to bring about a change in the state or functioning of a vehicle or vehicle's subsystem.

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2.2.

"Device" means an element or an assembly of elements used to perform one or more functions.

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2.3.

"Indicator" means a device that shows the magnitude of the physical characteristics that the instrument is designed to sense.

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2.4.

"Common space" means an area on which two or more information functions (e.g. symbol) may be displayed but not simultaneously.