United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE): pedestrian safety and light emitting diode (LED) light sources. EU position

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PURPOSE: to adopt, on behalf of the European Union, the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe on pedestrian safety and to the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe on Light Emitting Diode (LED) light sources together with its corrigenda.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: the standardised requirements of the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) on uniform provisions concerning the approval of motor vehicles with regard to their pedestrian safety performance and the draft UNECE Regulation on uniform provisions concerning the approval of Light Emitting Diode (LED) light sources for use in approved signalling lamp units on power-driven vehicles and their trailers are intended to remove technical barriers to the trade in motor vehicles between the Contracting Parties to the Revised 1958 Agreement and to ensure that such vehicles offer a high level of safety and protection.

It is now necessary to incorporate the draft Regulations on pedestrian safety and on Light Emitting Diode (LED) light sources into the EU type-approval system for motor vehicles.

This is the aim of this proposal.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

LEGAL BASIS: Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: under this Decision:

The draft UNECE Regulation on uniform provisions concerning the approval of motor vehicles with regard to their pedestrian safety performance, as contained in document ECE TRANS/WP.29/2010/127, is hereby approved.

The draft UNECE Regulation on uniform provisions concerning the approval of Light Emitting Diode (LED) light sources for use in approved signalling lamp units on power-driven vehicles and their trailers, as contained in document ECE TRANS/WP.29/2010/44 together with its corrigenda, is hereby approved.

Vote:the Union, represented by the Commission, shall vote in favour of the draft UNECE Regulations referred to above at a forthcoming meeting of the Administrative Committee of the

UNECE World Forum for Harmonisation of Vehicles Regulations.

European system for the approval of motor vehicles: in accordance with Articles 35 and 36 of Directive 2007/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for the approval of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, the equivalence of the requirements of the draft UNECE Regulation on

uniform provisions concerning the approval of motor vehicles with regard to their pedestrian safety performance and those set out in Annex I, paragraphs 3.1, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 of Regulation (EC) No 78/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the type-approval of motor vehicles with regard to the protection of pedestrians and other vulnerable road users, shall be recognised.

The draft UNECE Regulations shall become part of the EU type-approval system for motor vehicles.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: this proposal has no implications for the EU budget.