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ANNEX I

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

PART B

Vehicle identification number (VIN)

1. General provisions

- 1.1. A VIN shall be marked on each vehicle.
- 1.2. The VIN shall be unique and unequivocally attributed to a particular vehicle.
- 1.3. The VIN shall be marked on the chassis or the vehicle when the vehicle leaves the production line.
- 1.4. The manufacturer shall ensure the traceability of the vehicle by means of the VIN over a period of 30 years.
- 1.5. The existence of measures taken by the manufacturer to ensure the traceability of the vehicle referred to in point 1.4 needs not be checked at the time of the type-approval.

2. Composition of the VIN

- 2.1. The VIN shall consist of three sections:
 - (a) the world manufacturer identifier (WMI);
 - (b) the vehicle descriptor section (VDS);
 - (c) the vehicle indicator section (VIS).
- 2.2. The WMI shall consist of a code assigned to the vehicle manufacturer to enable him to be identified.
 - 2.2.1. The code shall comprise three alphanumeric characters, capital roman letters or Arabic numerals, which shall be assigned by the competent authority in the country where the manufacturer has his principal place of business.
 - 2.2.2. The competent authority shall act in agreement with the international organisation referred to in Standard ISO 3780: 2009 on 'Road vehicles — World manufacturer identifier (WMI) code'.
 - 2.2.3. Where the manufacturer's global production is less than 500 vehicles per annum, the third character shall always be '9'. In order to identify such manufacturers, the competent authority referred to in point 2.2.1 shall assign the third, the fourth and the fifth character of the VIS.
- 2.3. The VDS shall consist of six alphanumeric characters, capital roman letters or Arabic numerals, which shall serve to indicate the general characteristics of the vehicle. Where the manufacturer does not use one or more of the six characters, the unused spaces shall be filled in with alphanumeric characters at the manufacturer's discretion in order that the total number of characters required shall be 6.
- 2.4. The VIS shall consist of eight alphanumeric characters, capital Roman letters or Arabic numerals, of which the last four shall consist of digits only.

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It shall provide, in conjunction with the WMI and the VDS, clear identification of a particular vehicle. Any unused space shall be filled in with the digit '0' in order that the total number of characters required shall be 8.

- 2.5. The height of the characters of the VIN stamped on the chassis shall be no less than 7 mm.
- 2.6. There shall be no space between the characters.
- 2.7. The use of the letters 'I', 'O' or 'Q' shall not be permitted.
- 2.8. The beginning and the end of the VIN shall be limited by one symbol at the choice of the manufacturer neither symbol should be a Roman capital letter nor an Arabic numeral.
 - 2.8.1. This provision may be waived when the VIN is marked on a single line.
 - 2.8.2. When the VIN is marked on two lines, this provision shall apply to each line.

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