

The Partial Amendment of the Safety Regulations for Road Vehicles, the Type Designation Regulations for Devices and the related announcement

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1. Background

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MLIT) is proceeding with the expansion and toughening of safety regulations for road vehicles for the purpose of reducing traffic fatalities.

The automobile industry is globalizing at a rapid pace and interest is rising in promoting the international harmonization of automobile regulations. The MLIT is working to improve the level of Japan's safety and environmental regulations and proceeding with the international harmonization of automobile regulations on a step-by-step basis considering various effects of harmonization, including the economic effects.

2. Matters to be Amended

For the harmonization with ECE Regulations, MLIT plans to amend the Safety Regulations for Road Vehicles (Ministry of Transport Ordinance No. 67, 1951), the Type Designation Regulations for Devices (Ministry of Transport Ordinance No. 66, 1998), and the Announcement that prescribes details of Safety Regulations for Road Vehicles (MLIT Announcement No. 619, 2002) as follows:

- (1) Establishing Safety Regulations for Adaptive Front-Lighting System (AFS) for motor vehicles (harmonizing with ECE Regulation No. 123)
- (2) Amending Safety Regulations for Braking of category L1, L2, L3, L4 and L5 vehicles (harmonizing with ECE Regulation No. 78 and gtr No. 3)
- (3) Amending Safety Regulations for adopting amendments of UN/ECE regulations established at 140th WP29.