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PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTION  
ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICLES (R.E.3)  
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**Note:** The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from OICA in order to define "Low Volume Manufacturers" of motor vehicles. It is based on the text distributed without a symbol (informal document No. 22) during the one-hundred-and-fifteenth session of the Working Party (TRANS/WP.29/638, paras. 99 and 100).

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**A. PROPOSAL**

Insert a new paragraph 4.1.4., to read:

"4.1.4. When developing new Regulations to be annexed to the Agreement, or amendments to existing Regulations, it is recommended that particular consideration be given to the different needs and capabilities of Low Volume Manufacturers, notably when deciding compliance dates.

4.1.4.1. "Low Volume Manufacturer (LVM)" means a manufacturer of M<sub>1</sub> vehicles whose total annual production of all models does not exceed ten thousand units.

4.1.4.2. if a company or marque is partially or wholly owned by a major vehicle manufacturer, it may be considered a Low Volume Manufacturer (LVM) only if:

- (a) its products differ in fundamental aspects of the design and construction of the body/chassis frame;
- (b) it is registered as a legal company in its country of establishment;
- (c) it has its own independent design and development departments; and
- (d) it is an independent profit centre."

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**B. JUSTIFICATION**

The regulatory compliance tasks facing Low Volume Manufacturers (LVMs) - differ significantly from those of the volume manufacturers in respect of available resources, particularly engineering resources.

In order to be able to take account of these differences when developing new Regulations or amending existing Regulations, a definition of "Low Volume Manufacturer" is a first priority.

This proposal details a definition of "Low Volume Manufacturer (LVM)" for inclusion in the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3) under paragraph 4: "Miscellaneous", Harmonization of technical standards.

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