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**Consideration of technical regulations to be listed in the
Compendium of Candidate global technical regulations – Listing
Number 5 – Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard; FMVSS
No. 108 Lamps, Reflective devices and Associated Equipment**

Proposal for a five year extension in the Compendium of Candidates of listing No. 5 *

Submitted by the representative of the United States of America

The text reproduced below is submitted by the representative of the United States of America to the Executive Committee (AC.3) of the 1998 Agreement for consideration. It contains a request to maintain in the Compendium of Candidates Listing Number 5 – Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard; FMVSS No. 108 Lamps, Reflective devices and Associated Equipment. This request shall be voted in accordance to Article 7 of Annex B to the 1998 Agreement.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2006–2010 (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

1. The United States of America, as a Contracting Party to the 1998 Global Agreement, administered by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), is requesting that the following technical regulation listed in the Compendium of Candidates Global Technical Regulations be extended for a period of five additional years:

Listing Number 5 – Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard; FMVSS No. 108 Lamps, Reflective devices and Associated Equipment.

2. The following documents are appended to the above technical regulation:

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Lamps, Reflective devices, and Associated Equipment Final Rule

The effectiveness of Retro-reflective Tape on Heavy Trailers

The Long Term Effectiveness of Centre High Mounted Stop Lamps in Passenger Cars and Light Trucks

3. Reference is made in this respect to Article 5. paragraph 5.3.2. of the 1998 Agreement, which reads as follows:

“5.3.2. at the end of the 5-year period following the regulation’s listing under this Article, and at the end of each subsequent 5 year period, unless the Executive Committee reaffirms, by an affirmative vote in accordance with paragraph 7.1. of Article 7 of Annex B, the listing of the technical regulation in the Compendium of Candidates”

4. The voting shall follow the procedure of Article 7 of Annex B to the Agreement, which reads as follows:

“7.1. A national or regional regulation shall be listed in the Compendium of Candidates by an affirmative vote of either at least one-third of the total number of votes cast, whichever is more favourable to achieving an affirmative vote. In either case, the one-third shall include the vote of either the European Union, Japan or the United States of America, if any of them are Contracting Parties.”
