1. Proposal

7.6.8.2. Every emergency window shall either:

7.6.8.2.1. Be capable of being easily and instantaneously operated from inside and from outside the vehicle by means of a device recognized as satisfactory. This provision includes the possibility of using e.g. panes of laminated glass or plastic material, or

7.6.8.2.2. Be made of readily-breakable safety glass. This latter provision precludes the possibility of using panes of laminated glass or of plastic material. A device shall ~~be provided adjacent to each emergency window, readily available to persons inside the vehicle, to~~ ensure that each emergency window can be broken and removed by a single person from inside the passenger compartment. At the time of the Type Approval, the manufacturer shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Technical Service that the device shall meet the following requirements:

7.6.8.2.2.1 Location

The device shall be readily available and fixed adjacent to or on the emergency window.

7.6.8.2.2.2 Visibility

The device shall be positioned in such a way that it is clearly visible for any passenger. It shall be marked in red and supplemented by a safety sign. If the device can be obstructed (e.g. by a curtain, parcel rack), a supplementary safety sign that indicates the location of the nearest device shall be installed.

7.6.8.2.2.3 Operation

The device shall always operate in the event of a failure of the vehicle's power system. The device may be fitted with a [transparent] protective cover to avoid unintended operation. When the device is temporarily removed from its designated location, a warning signal shall be audible or visible at the driver's seating position.

~~The device for breaking the glass for the emergency windows at the rear of the vehicle shall be positioned either centrally above or below the emergency window or, alternatively, a device shall be positioned adjacent to each end of the window.~~

7.6.8.3. Every emergency window which can be locked from the outside shall be so constructed as to be capable of being opened at all times from inside the vehicle.

1. Justification

See presentation in BMFE-