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Dear All

At the last TAAM in may in Iceland KBA made an inquiry as to the calculation of D-values for the installation of coupling devices to towing vehicles where its maximum technical combination mass is less than the sum of its maximum technical mass and its maximum technical towable mass. KBA has been accepting this approach described as solution "A" in the annexed TAAM-inquiry in good faith. Nevertheless, lately this approach has become subject to criticism rather for formal reasons. The result at the TAAM was that different views were expressed, however, a majority voted for solution "B". Final decision was that the German delegation should forward this question to the working group for R55.

For not to interfere with the agenda of the session next week I propose the item to "any other business", but maybe we can exchange opinions already in coffee brakes. Comments in advance are also welcome.

If we agree that the problem comes from the wording in 2.11.1. – which makes perfect sense from the view of a component approval - maybe the key is in a refinement of the wording to 5.3.5.1.

With my best regards

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

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