

PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS Nos. 14, 16 AND 17

Note: The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the Netherlands in order to provide updated exemptions which have to replace the exemptions that were discussed during the 41st GRSP.

A. PROPOSAL

For Regulation No. 14, read last sentence of par. 5.3.6 of proposal ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2007/10 as follows:

As long as there are no requirements concerning the compulsory fitting of safety belt anchorages and safety belts for folding seats **in their national requirements at the time of acceding to this Regulation**, Contracting Parties may continue to ~~apply the requirements already in force for these kind of seats at the time of acceding to this Regulation~~ **allow this non-fitment for the purpose of national approval.**

For Regulation No.16, read last sentence of par. 8.1.1. of proposal ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2007/11 as follows:

As long as there are no requirements concerning the compulsory fitting of safety belt anchorages and safety belts for folding seats **in their national requirements at the time of acceding to this Regulation**, Contracting Parties may continue to ~~apply the requirements already in force for these kind of seats at the time of acceding to this Regulation~~ **allow this non-fitment for the purpose of national approval.**

For Regulation No. 17, read last sentence of par. 1. of proposal ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2007/12 as follows :

As long as there are no requirements forbidding side-facing seats **in their national requirements at the time of acceding to this Regulation**, Contracting Parties may continue to ~~apply the requirements already in force for these kind of seats at the time of acceding to this Regulation~~ **allow the fitting of side-facing seats for the purpose of national approval.**

B. JUSTIFICATION

During 41st GRSP the three above mentioned documents were discussed, each containing a draft clause on request of Japan.

The idea behind these clauses was to provide some kind of exemption for signatories to Regulations Nos.14,16 and17 for the purpose of national approval. However The Netherlands pointed out that other Contracting Parties will be confused by the chosen wording of these clauses.

Following the 41st GRSP experts from Japan and The Netherlands have exchanged ideas and herewith are three proposals making use of the text of the old proposals.

The origin for the exemption (= old national requirements, which will be replaced by UN/ECE requirements) is mentioned in the clause, however also the purpose (= national approval without providing UN/ECE-approval for products that make use of this exemption) is made more clear.

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