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Consideration of draft amendments to existing Regulations

Proposal for amendment to the draft 06 series of amendments to Regulation No. 16
(Safety-belts)

Submitted by the representative of the International Organization of Motor Vehicle
Manufacturers */

The text reproduced below was prepared by the representative of the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA) to propose a correction of the administrative requirements of the draft 06 series of amendments. It is based on ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2008/106. The modifications to the text of ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2008/106 are marked in bold characters. It is transmitted to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and to the Administrative Committee (AC.1) for consideration.

*/ 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 performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

Paragraph 8.1.1., amend to read:

"8.1.1. With the exception of seating intended solely for use when the vehicle is stationary, the seats of vehicles of categories M₁, M₂ (of Class III or B */), M₃ (of Class III or B */) and N shall be equipped with safety-belts or restraint systems which satisfy the requirements of this Regulation.

Contracting Parties applying this Regulation, may demand the installation of safety belts on M₂ and M₃ vehicles belonging to Class II. **Any Contracting Party doing so shall notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of its intention. Such notification or modification thereto shall have effect in accordance with the time scales laid down in Article 1, paragraphs 6. and 7. of the 1958 Agreement (E/ECE/324 – E/ECE/TRANS/505/Rev.2).**

When fitted, the safety belts and/or restraint systems in Class I, II or A vehicles belonging to category M₂ or M₃ have to be in compliance with the requirements of this Regulation.

Contracting Parties may, under national law, allow the installation of safety belts or restraint systems other than those covered by this Regulation provided that they are intended for disabled people.

Restraint systems complying with the provisions of Regulation No. 107, 01 series of amendments, Annex 8, are exempted from the provisions of this Regulation.

Class I, or A vehicles belonging to category M₂ or M₃ may be fitted with safety belts and/or restraint systems conforming to the requirements of this Regulation."

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