

**Japan's Supplementary Explanation on Proposed Amendment to Buckle Requirements for Child Restraint Systems**

1. Purpose

To clarify the above proposal by providing a supplementary explanation.

2. Japan's Proposed Draft

Paragraph 7.2.1.1 amend to read

'..... when all parts are engaged. However this shall not apply for Y-shaped belts or for cases in which shoulder belt and waist belt are linked. Wherever the buckle is in contact .....

3. Explanation of Proposed Amendment

(1) Current text of paragraph 7.2.1.1

'7.2.1.1 The buckle shall be so designed as to preclude any possibility of incorrect manipulation. This means inter/alia that it must not be possible for the buckle to be left in a partially closed position; it must not be possible to exchange the buckle parts inadvertently when the buckle is being locked; the buckle must only lock when all parts are engaged. Wherever the buckle is in contact .....

(2) The proposed amendment relates to the insertion into the above text of paragraph 7.2.1.1 a sentence "However this shall not apply for Y-shaped belt or for cases in which shoulder belt and waist belt are linked."

Please note, the proposed sentence, whose subject is "this", applies exclusively to "the buckle must only lock when all parts are engaged."