

Proposal for Supplement 1 to the 07 series of amendments to Regulation No. 16 (Safety belts)

The modifications to the existing text of the Regulation are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters.

I. Proposal

Paragraphs 15.4. to 15.10., amend to read:

- "15.4. As from the official date of entry into force of the 07 series of amendments, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant or refuse to accept type approvals under this UN Regulation as amended by the 07 series of amendments. Contracting Parties shall continue to grant extensions of approvals to the preceding series of amendment.
- ~~15.5.~~**15.4.1.** As from 1 September 2019, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not be obliged to accept type approvals to the preceding series of amendments that were first issued on or after 1 September 2019.
- ~~15.6.~~**15.4.2.** A safety-belt reminder is not compulsory on removable rear seats and on any seat in a row in which there is a suspension seat, for the purpose of granting type-approval to the 07 series of amendment, until 1 September 2022. **These exemptions shall remain applicable in the case of extensions of approvals first granted before 1 September 2022.**
- ~~15.7.~~**15.4.3.** Until 1 September 2021, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall accept type approvals to the preceding series of amendments that were first issued before 1 September 2019.
- ~~15.8.~~**15.4.4.** As from 1 September 2021, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not be obliged to accept type approvals issued to the preceding series of amendments to this Regulation.
- ~~15.9.~~**15.4.5.** Notwithstanding paragraph ~~15.8.4.4.~~, Contracting Parties applying the Regulation shall continue to accept UN type approvals of safety-belts and restraint systems to the preceding series of amendments to the Regulation.
- ~~15.10.~~**15.4.6.** Notwithstanding paragraph ~~15.8.4.4.~~, Contracting Parties applying the Regulation shall continue to accept type approvals to the preceding series of amendments to the Regulation, for vehicles which are not affected by the changes introduced by the 07 series of amendments."

II. Justification

1. Current §15.6 foresees that, for type approval to the 07 series, safety belt reminders are not compulsory till 1 September 2022 on the exempted seats (e.g. seat rows with a suspension seat). In the absence of any clarification for the case of extensions of type approvals, § 15.6 of UN R16.07 could create interpretation problems when a previously granted approval for an exempted vehicle needs to be extended after 1 September 2022.

During the discussions at GRSP, it was clearly agreed that, for exempted vehicles, the new SBR requirements would be applicable only for new type approvals as from 1 September 2022, such that previously granted approvals would remain accepted, with their exemption.

In order to avoid any potential misinterpretation, OICA therefore suggests the addition of a sentence in §15.6, such that approvals granted before 1 September 2022 can be extended based on the conditions valid at the time of the original approval.

Actually, this situation is also addressed in the WP29 guidelines on regulatory procedures (see doc. WP29/1044/Rev.1, §25 and §30).

2. As to the numbering of §15.5 to 15.10, OICA believes that the understanding of "preceding series of amendments" would be improved by renumbering §15.5 to §15.10 as sub-paragraphs of 15.4. This was also done for the 06 series of amendments in §15.3 and OICA suggests following the same structure.
