Reference: C.N.377.1999.TREATIES-1 (Depositary Notification)

AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF UNIFORM TECHNICAL PRESCRIPTIONS FOR WHEELED VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT AND PARTS WHICH CAN BE FITTED AND/OR BE USED ON WHEELED VEHICLES AND THE CONDITIONS FOR RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF APPROVALS GRANTED ON THE BASIS OF THESE PRESCRIPTIONS. GENEVA, 20 MARCH 1958

REGULATION NO. 44. UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF RESTRAINING DEVICES FOR CHILD OCCUPANTS OF POWER-DRIVEN VEHICLES (“CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEM”) 1 FEBRUARY 1981

PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

On 23 March 1999, the Secretary-General received from the Administrative Committee of the above Agreement, pursuant to article 12 (1) of the Agreement, amendments proposed to Regulation No. 44.

A copy, in the English and French languages, of the document containing the text of the (supplement 2 to the 03 series) (TRANS/WP.29/650).

The Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to article 12 (2) and (3) of the Agreement which read as follows:

“2. An amendment to a Regulation will be considered to be adopted unless, within a period of six months from its notification by the Secretary-General, more than one-third of the Contracting Parties applying the Regulation at the time of notification have informed the Secretary-General of their disagreement with the amendment. If, after this period, the Secretary-General has not received declarations of disagreement of more than one-third of the Contracting Parties applying the Regulation, the Secretary-General shall as soon as possible declare the amendment as adopted and binding upon those Contracting Parties applying the Regulation who did not declare themselves opposed to it. When a Regulation is amended and at least one-fifth of the Contracting Parties applying the unamended Regulation subsequently declare that they wish to continue to apply the unamended Regulation, the unamended Regulation will be regarded as an alternative to the amended Regulation and will be incorporated formally as such into the Regulation with effect from the date of adoption of the amendment or its entry into force. In this case the obligations of the Contracting Parties applying the Regulation shall be the same as set out in paragraph 1.”
3. Should a new Contracting Party accede to this Agreement between the time of the notification of the amendment to a Regulation by the Secretary-General and its entry into force, the Regulation in question shall not enter into force for that Contracting Party until two months after it has formally accepted the amendment or two months after the lapse of a period of six months since the communication to that Party by the Secretary-General of the proposed amendment.”
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles

DRAFT SUPPLEMENT 2 TO THE 03 SERIES OF AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 44

(Child restraints)

Note: The text reproduced below was adopted by the Administrative Committee (AC.1) of the amended 1958 Agreement at its tenth session, following the recommendation by the Working Party at its one-hundred-and-sixteenth session. It is based on document TRANS/WP.29/1998/61, as amended by the Working Party (TRANS/WP.29/640, para. 161).
Insert a new paragraph 4.5., to read:

"4.5. In addition, in the immediate area where the child's head rests within the child restraint and on the visible surface of the child restraint system, rearward-facing restraints shall have the following label permanently attached (the text information shown is a minimum).

This label shall be provided in the language(s) of the country where the device is sold.

Label minimum size: 60 x 120 mm

Artwork black with white background

Circle and line red with white background

Bottom text black with yellow background

Top text and symbol black with yellow background

Δ WARNING

DO NOT place rear-facing child seat on front seat with airbag.

DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY can occur.
Paragraph 4.5. (former), renumber as paragraph 4.6.

Insert a new paragraph 16.8., to read:

"16.8. As from the date of entry into force of Supplement 2 to the 03 series of amendments, the label required by paragraph 4.5. of this Regulation shall be affixed to all new child restraints manufactured in conformity with this Regulation."