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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. 16. UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE  
APPROVAL OF: I. SAFETY-BELTS AND RESTRAINT SYSTEMS FOR  
OCCUPANTS OF POWER-DRIVEN VEHICLES II. VEHICLES EQUIPPED  
WITH SAFETY-BELTS

PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION NO.16

On 17 August 2001, the Secretary-General received from the Administrative Committee of the above Agreement, pursuant to article 12 (1) of the Agreement, amendments proposed to the above Regulation.

..... A copy, in the English and French languages, of the document containing the text of the proposed amendments is transmitted herewith (doc. TRANS/WP.29/797) (*Copies of the proposed amendments are transmitted in hard copy only*).

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

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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."

20 August 2001

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'AJ' followed by a stylized flourish.



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DRAFT SUPPLEMENT 12 TO THE 04 SERIES OF AMENDMENTS  
TO REGULATION No. 16

(Safety-belts)

Note: The text reproduced below was adopted by the Administrative Committee (AC.1) of the amended 1958 Agreement at its eighteenth session, following the recommendation by WP.29 at its one-hundred-and-twenty-fourth session. It is based on document TRANS/WP.29/2001/22, not amended (TRANS/WP.29/792, para. 136).

Paragraph 8.1.3., should be deleted.

Paragraphs 8.1.4. to 8.1.13. (former), renumber as paragraphs 8.1.3. to 8.1.12.

Paragraph 8.1.7. (former 8.1.8), amend the reference to paragraph "8.1.9." to read "8.1.8."

Paragraph 8.1.10. (former 8.1.11.), amend the reference to paragraph "8.1.12." to read "8.1.11."

Paragraph 8.1.11. (former 8.1.12), amend the reference to paragraph "8.1.11." to read "8.1.10."

Annex 16, amend to read:

"Annex 16  
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFETY-BELTS AND RETRACTORS

VEHICLE CATEGORY	FORWARD FACING SEATING POSITIONS				REAR FACING SEATING POSITIONS
	OUTBOARD SEATING POSITIONS		CENTRE SEATING POSITION		
	FRONT	OTHER THAN FRONT	FRONT	OTHER THAN FRONT	
M1	Ar4m	Ar4m	Ar4m	Ar4m	B, Br3, Br4m
M2 ≤ 3.5 t	Ar4m, Ar4Nm	Ar4m, Ar4Nm	Ar4m, Ar4Nm	Ar4m, Ar4Nm	Br3, Br4m, Br4Nm
M2 > 3.5 t	Br3, Br4m, Br4Nm, or Ar4m or Ar4Nm ●	Br3, Br4m, Br4Nm, or Ar4m or Ar4Nm ●	Br3, Br4m, Br4Nm or Ar4m or Ar4Nm ●	Br3, Br4m, Br4Nm or Ar4m or Ar4Nm ●	Br3, Br4m, Br4Nm
M3	See para. 8.1.9. for conditions when a lap belt is permitted	See para. 8.1.9. for conditions when a lap belt is permitted	See para. 8.1.9. for conditions when a lap belt is permitted	See para. 8.1.9. for conditions when a lap belt is permitted	
N1	Ar4m, Ar4Nm	B, Br3, Br4m, Br4Nm or none #	B, Br3, Br4m, Br4Nm or Br4Nm, Ar4Nm *	B, Br3, Br4m, Br4Nm or none #	None
		Para. 8.1.7. and 8.1.8. lap belt required in exposed seating positions.	Para. 8.1.6. lap belt permitted if the windscreen is not in the reference zone.	Para. 8.1.7. and 8.1.8. lap belt required in exposed seating positions.	
N2	B, Br3, Br4m, Br4Nm or A, Ar4m, Ar4Nm *	B, Br3, Br4m, Br4Nm or none #	B, Br3, Br4m, Br4Nm, or A, Ar4m, Ar4Nm *	B, Br3, Br4m, Br4Nm or none #	None
N3	Para. 8.1.6. lap belt permitted if the windscreen is outside the reference zone and for the driver's seat.	Para. 8.1.7. and 8.1.8. lap belt required in exposed seating positions.	Para. 8.1.6. lap belt permitted if the windscreen is not in the reference zone.	Para. 8.1.7. and 8.1.8. lap belt required in exposed seating positions.	

A: three-point (lap and diagonal) belt    B: 2-point (lap) belt    r: retractor    m: emergency locking retractor with multiple sensitivity (see Regulation No. 16, paras. 2.14.3. and 2.14.5.)  
 3: automatically locking retractor    4: emergency locking retractor    N: higher response threshold  
 \*: Refers to para. 8.1.6. of this annex    #: Refers to paras. 8.1.7. and 8.1.8., of this annex    ●: (refers to para. 8.1.9. of this annex)

Note: In all cases S-type belts may be fitted in place of an A or B type belt, provided anchorages complying with Regulation No. 14 are used."

Insert new paragraphs 15.2. to 15.2.3., to read:

"15.2.        Transitional provisions

These transitional provisions only apply to the installation of safety-belts on vehicles and do not change the mark of the safety-belt.

15.2.1.     As from the official date of entry into force of Supplement 12 to the 04 series of amendments, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant ECE approvals under this Regulation as modified by Supplement 12 to the 04 series of amendments.

15.2.2.     Upon expiration of a period of 36 months following the official date of entry into force referred to in paragraph 15.2.1. above, the Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall grant approval only if the vehicle type satisfies the requirements of this Regulation as amended by the Supplement 12 to the 04 series of amendments.

15.2.3.     Upon the expiration of a period of 60 months following the official date of entry into force referred to in paragraph 15.2.1. above, the Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may refuse to recognize approvals not granted in accordance with Supplement 12 to the 04 series of amendments to this Regulation."

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