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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, RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, CHILD  
RESTRAINT SYSTEMS AND ISOFIX CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS FOR  
OCCUPANTS OF POWER-DRIVEN VEHICLES II. VEHICLES EQUIPPED  
WITH SAFETY-BELTS, SAFETY-BELT REMINDER, RESTRAINT SYSTEMS,  
CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS AND ISOFIX CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS

PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION NO. 16

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

On 9 January 2009, the Secretary-General received from the Administrative Committee of the  
above Agreement, pursuant to article 12 (1) of the Agreement, certain amendments proposed at the  
fortieth session of the Administrative Committee to Regulation No. 16  
(Document: ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2008/106 + Amend.1 + amendment referred to in paragraph 54 of the  
report of the session).

The document containing the text in the English and French languages of the proposed  
amendments concerned (doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2008/106 + Amend.1) can be accessed on the  
website of the Transport Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe at the  
following address: [http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29ap\\_nov08.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29ap_nov08.html).

The amendment referred to in paragraph 54 of the report of the session,  
(doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1070) can be accessed on the website of the Transport Division of the  
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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."

22 January 2009



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