

**16. 16) United Nations 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, ISOFIX child restraint systems and i-Size child restraint systems**

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ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2007/25 (05 series) and C.N.136.2008.TREATIES-4 of 26 February 2008 (adoption); C.N.1148.2007.TREATIES-3 of 18 January 2008 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2007/86 (modifications); C.N.244.2008.TREATIES-6 of 8 April 2008 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2008/49 + Corr.1 (modifications); C.N.557.2008.TREATIES-6 of 7 August 2008 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2008/59 (modifications); C.N.5.2009.TREATIES-1 of 15 January 2009 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2008/104 (modifications); C.N.604.2008.TREATIES-7 of 26 August 2008 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2008/60 (supplement 1 to amendments series 05) and C.N.57.2009.TREATIES-4 of 27 February 2009 (adoption); C.N.26.2009.TREATIES-2 of 22 January 2009 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2008/105 + Amendment referred to para. 53 of the report (Supplement 2 to amendments series 05) and C.N.435.2009.TREATIES-5 of 22 July 2009 (adoption); C.N.27.2009.TREATIES-3 of 22 January 2009 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2008/106 + Amend.1 + amendment referred to para. 54 of the report (amendments series 06) and C.N.436.2009.TREATIES-6 of 22 July 2009 (adoption); C.N.567.2009.TREATIES-7 of 17 September 2009 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2009/51 (modifications); C.N.130.2010.TREATIES-1 of 3 March 2010 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2009/110 + amendment referred to in paragraph 53 of the report of the session (modifications); C.N.793.2010.TREATIES-1 of 23 December 2010 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2010/125 (modifications); C.N.811.2010.TREATIES-2 of 23 December 2010 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2010/121 (Supplement 1 to the 06 series of amendments) as amended by paragraph 53 of the report (proposal of amendments) and C.N.355.2011.TREATIES-1 of 23 June 2011 (adoption of amendments); C.N.783.2011.TREATIES-2 of 5 January 2012 and doc. ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2011/68 (modifications); C.N.838.2011.TREATIES-2 of 26 January 2012 (proposal of amendments) and C.N.435.2012.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 3 August 2012 (adoption of amendments); C.N.14.2013.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 15 January 2013 (proposal of amendments) and C.N.443.2013.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 24 July 2013 (adoption); C.N.507.2013.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 13 August 2013 (proposal of amendments) and C.N.68.2014.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 19 February 2014 (adoption); C.N.538.2013.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 14 August 2013 (corrections); C.N.981.2013.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 10 December 2013 (proposal of amendments) and C.N.379.2014.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 17 June 2014 (adoption); C.N.673.2015.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 18 December 2015 (proposal of amendments) and C.N.464.2016.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 8 July 2016 (adoption); C.N.523.2016.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 9 August 2016 (proposal of amendments) and C.N.74.2017.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 17 February 2017 (adoption); CN.921.2016.Reissued.03012017-TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 22 December 2016 (proposal of amendments) and CN.354.2017.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 10 July 2017 (adoption); C.N.922.2016.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 22 December 2016 (proposal of amendments) and CN.362.2017.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 10 July 2017 (adoption); C.N.440.2017.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 10 August 2017 (Proposal of Amendments) and C.N.95.2018.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 20 February 2018 (Adoption); C.N.441.2017.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 10 August 2017 (Proposal of Amendments) and C.N.96.2018.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 20 February 2018 (Adoption); CN.317.2018.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 5 July 2018 (Corrections); CN.318.2018.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 5 July 2018 (Corrections); CN.319.2018.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 5 July 2018 (Corrections); CN.320.2018.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 5 July 2018 (Corrections); C.N.344.2018.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 25 July 2018 (amendments); C.N.611.2018.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 9 January 2019 (amendments); C.N.244.2019.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 14 June 2019 (Amendments); C.N.247.2019.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 14 June 2019 (Amendments); C.N.248.2019.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 14 June 2019 (Amendments); C.N.208.2020.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 19 June 2020 (Amendments); C.N.209.2020.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 19 June 2020 (Amendments).<sup>3</sup>

#### ***Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 16<sup>4</sup>***

<b><i>Participant</i></b>	<b><i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i></b>	<b><i>Participant</i></b>	<b><i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i></b>
Armenia .....	1 Mar 2018	Czech Republic <sup>7</sup> .....	2 Jun 1993 d
Austria .....	24 Sep 1980	Denmark .....	21 Oct 1976
Belarus .....	3 May 1995	Egypt.....	5 Dec 2012
Belgium <sup>5</sup> .....	1 Dec 1970	Estonia .....	24 Oct 1997
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>6</sup> .....	28 Sep 1998 d	European Union <sup>8</sup> .....	23 Jan 1998
Croatia <sup>6</sup> .....	17 Mar 1994 d	Finland.....	19 Jul 1976

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
France <sup>9</sup> .....	1 Dec 1970
Germany <sup>10</sup> .....	15 Mar 1973
Greece.....	4 Oct 1995
Hungary.....	15 Sep 1988
Italy.....	16 Apr 1976
Japan.....	16 Aug 2008
Latvia.....	19 Nov 1998
Lithuania.....	28 Jan 2002
Luxembourg.....	2 Mar 1984
Malaysia.....	3 Feb 2006
Montenegro <sup>11</sup> .....	23 Oct 2006 d
Netherlands <sup>8</sup> .....	1 Dec 1970
New Zealand <sup>12</sup> .....	18 Jan 2002
North Macedonia <sup>6</sup> .....	1 Apr 1998 d
Norway.....	23 Dec 1987

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Pakistan.....	24 Feb 2020
Poland.....	7 Apr 1992
Republic of Moldova.....	21 Sep 2016
Romania.....	2 Jul 1979
Russian Federation.....	19 Dec 1986
San Marino.....	27 Nov 2015
Serbia <sup>6</sup> .....	12 Mar 2001 d
Slovakia <sup>7</sup> .....	28 May 1993 d
Slovenia <sup>6</sup> .....	3 Nov 1992 d
Spain.....	7 Mar 1973
Sweden.....	13 Aug 1980
Switzerland.....	3 May 1982
Turkey.....	24 Dec 1998
Ukraine.....	9 Aug 2002
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	1 Feb 1980

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Amendments to Regulation No. 16 proposed by the Government of Belgium, France and the Netherlands were circulated by the Secretary-General among the Contracting Parties to the Agreement on 18 February 1972. The proposed amendments having thus been communicated jointly by all Governments applying Regulation No. 16, it was not necessary to wait for the expiration of the three-month period provided for by article 12 (1) of the Agreement for the possible formulation of objections, and the amendments consequently entered into force on 18 April 1972, i.e., within a period of two months from their circulation in accordance with the other provisions of article 12 of the Agreement.

<sup>2</sup> The amendments were adopted and are binding upon all Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 16 as from 8 September 2001, except for Yugoslavia. Pursuant to article 12 (3) of the Agreement, the amendments will enter into force for Yugoslavia two months after the period of six months following the date of the notification by the Secretary-General of the proposed amendment, i.e. 8 November 2001.

<sup>3</sup> For additional references to the texts of the annexed regulations and their amendments, see doc. [TRANS/WP.29/343](#) as updated annually.

<sup>4</sup> For technical reasons and in order to align this chapter with all others in the publication, the date indicated is no longer the date of effect of the regulation for the Contracting Party, but the date of receipt of the notification of application by the Secretary-General.

<sup>5</sup> Date of entry into force of Regulation No. 16 as indicated by the Contracting State in its notification of application:

**Participant:**                      **Date entry into force:**

**Participant:**                      **Date entry into force:**  
Belgium                              1 Dec 1970

<sup>6</sup> The former Yugoslavia applied Regulation No. 16 as from 28 June 1976. See also note 1 under "Bosnia and Herzegovina", "Croatia", "former Yugoslavia", "Slovenia", "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and "Yugoslavia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>7</sup> Czechoslovakia applied Regulation 16 as from 14 April 1972. See also note 1 under "Czech Republic" and note 1 under "Slovakia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>8</sup> In a letter dated 29 July 1998, the European Community informed the Secretary-General of the following:

"The accession of the EC has the effect that the [...] regulations adhered to are not (in cases where a Member State already applied a regulation: no longer) applied by Member States by virtue of their status as Contracting Parties to the Agreement but exclusively in their capacity as Member States of the Contracting Party European Community. Thus, the 14 Member States already Contracting Parties themselves, now apply all [these] regulations by virtue of the EC's accession."

... By the EC accession, Ireland has not become a Contracting Party. Only the EC has become a Contracting Party. Ireland being a Member State of this Contracting Party applies the [...] regulations [adhered to by the EC] by virtue of the EC's accession.

It will be recalled that, as at 29 July 1999, States Members of the EC are: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

<sup>9</sup> Contracting State having proposed the Regulation and date of entry into force of the Regulation for that State in accordance with article 1 (3).

<sup>10</sup> The German Democratic Republic applied Regulation No. 16 as from 28 June 1981.

With regard to the above, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany in a communication received on 14 January 1991, informed the Secretary-General of the following:

- [Regulation No. 16 which has] been applied by both the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic shall continue to apply...

The notification further states that it “. . . does not constitute a general statement of position by the Federal Republic of Germany on the question of state succession in relation to treaties.”

See also note 2 under “Germany” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>11</sup> See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>12</sup> See note 1 under "New Zealand" regarding Tokelau in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

