

16. 16) United Nations Regulation No. 16. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of: Safety-Belts and Restraint Systems, for Occupants of PowerDriven Vehicles

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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); C.N.19.2021.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 27 January 2021 (Amendments); C.N.179.2021.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 22 June 2021 (Amendments); C.N.180.2021.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 22 June 2021 (Amendments); C.N.401.2021.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 28 December 2021 (Correction); C.N.197.2022.TREATIES-XI-B-16-16 of 25 July 2022 (Amendments); C.N.198.2022.TREATIES-XI-B-16-16 of 25 July 2022 (Amendments); C.N.5.2024.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 15 January 2024 (amendments); C.N.231.2024.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 8 June 2024 (Amendments); C.N.232.2024.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 8 June 2024 (Amendments); C.N.293.2025.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 24 June 2025 (Amendments); C.N.294.2025.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 24 June 2025 (Amendments); C.N.20.2026.TREATIES-XI.B.16.16 of 19 January 2026 (Amendments).³

Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 16⁴

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Application of regulation, Succession(d)</i>
Andorra.....	23 Sep 2025	Armenia	1 Mar 2018

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Austria	24 Sep 1980	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) ⁸	1 Dec 1970
Belarus	3 May 1995	New Zealand ¹²	18 Jan 2002
Belgium ⁵	1 Dec 1970	North Macedonia ⁶	1 Apr 1998 d
Bosnia and Herzegovina ⁶	28 Sep 1998 d	Norway	23 Dec 1987
Croatia ⁶	17 Mar 1994 d	Pakistan.....	24 Feb 2020
Czech Republic ⁷	2 Jun 1993 d	Philippines	3 Nov 2022
Denmark	21 Oct 1976	Poland	7 Apr 1992
Egypt.....	5 Dec 2012	Republic of Moldova.....	21 Sep 2016
Estonia	24 Oct 1997	Romania.....	2 Jul 1979
European Union ⁸	23 Jan 1998	Russian Federation	19 Dec 1986
Finland.....	19 Jul 1976	San Marino	27 Nov 2015
France ⁹	1 Dec 1970	Serbia ⁶	12 Mar 2001 d
Germany ¹⁰	15 Mar 1973	Slovakia ⁷	28 May 1993 d
Greece.....	4 Oct 1995	Slovenia ⁶	3 Nov 1992 d
Hungary	15 Sep 1988	Spain	7 Mar 1973
Italy.....	16 Apr 1976	Sweden.....	13 Aug 1980
Japan	16 Aug 2008	Switzerland	3 May 1982
Latvia.....	19 Nov 1998	Türkiye.....	24 Dec 1998
Lithuania.....	28 Jan 2002	Uganda.....	23 Aug 2022
Luxembourg.....	2 Mar 1984	Ukraine	9 Aug 2002
Malaysia.....	3 Feb 2006	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	1 Feb 1980
Montenegro ¹¹	23 Oct 2006 d	Uzbekistan	20 Apr 2026

Notes:

¹ 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.

² 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.

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

⁴ 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.

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

<i>Participant:</i>	<i>Date entry into force:</i>
Belgium	1 Dec 1970

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

⁸ 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.

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

¹⁰ 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.

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

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