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REGULATION No. 16
(Safety-belts)

Mandatory fitting of safety-belt anchorages for Class II buses

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the Netherlands in order to provide a solution for the dilemma of mandatory fitting of safety-belts for Class II buses. It refers to ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2007/11 and it is based on a document without a symbol (informal document No. GRSP-42-22) distributed during the forty-second session of the Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP). The modifications to the current text of Regulations No. 16 are marked in bold or strikethrough characters.

*/ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2006-2010 (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance performance of vehicles with respect to passive safety. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 8.1.1., amend to read:

"8.1.1. With the exception of ~~folding seats (as defined in Regulation No. 14)~~ and seating intended solely for use when the vehicle is stationary, the seats of vehicles of categories ~~M and N~~ **M₁, M₂ (of Class III or B */), M₃ (of Class III or B */) and N** (~~except those vehicles of categories M₂ and M₃ which belong to Classes I-II or A */~~) shall be equipped with safety-belts or restraint systems which satisfy the requirements of this Regulation.

Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may for reason of registration, taking account of the specific conditions of use on their territory, demand the installation of safety belts on M₂ and M₃ vehicles belonging to Class II.

When fitted, the safety belts and/or restraint systems in Class I, II or A vehicles belonging to category M₂ or M₃ have to be in compliance with the requirements of this Regulation.

*/ As defined in Annex 7 to the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of vehicles (R.E.3), document TRANS/WP.29/78/Rev.1, as last amended by Amendment 4. "

B. JUSTIFICATION

Depending on the situation in each country, the needs are quite different. The purpose of this text is to provide Contracting Parties with the right to demand the installation of safety belts in Class II buses. This wording has been derived from the European Union Directive concerning safety belts (latest amendment 2005/40/EC).

If this wording is accepted, the special paragraph in Regulation No. 16 proposed to be added to paragraph 8.1.1. on request of Japan (being a part of ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2008/7) will no longer be needed.
