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REGULATION No. 16
(Safety-belts)

Proposal for draft amendments

Proposal for Corrigendum 1 to the 06 series of amendments to Regulation No. 16

Submitted by the expert from the Russian Federation */

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the Russian Federation regarding the voluntary requirement for the installation of safety-belts in Class II buses. It is based on a document without a symbol (informal document No. GRSP-44-17) distributed during the forty-fourth session of the Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP). The modifications to the existing text of the Regulation, including the 06 series of amendments to Regulation 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 seating intended solely for use when the vehicle is stationary, the seats of vehicles of categories M₁, M₂ (of Class III or B */), M₃ (of Class III or B */) and N shall be equipped with safety-belts or restraint systems which satisfy the requirements of this Regulation.

~~Contracting Parties applying this Regulation, may demand the installation of safety belts on M₂ and M₃ vehicles belonging to Class II. Any Contracting Party doing so shall notify the Secretary General of the United Nations of its intention. Such notification or modification thereto shall have effect in accordance with the time scales laid down in Article 1, paragraphs 6. and 7. of the 1958 Agreement (E/ECE/324 — E/ECE/TRANS/505/Rev.2).~~

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

~~Contracting Parties may, under national law, allow the installation of safety belts or restraint systems other than those covered by this Regulation provided that they are intended for disabled people.~~

Restraint systems complying with the provisions of Regulation No. 107, 02 series of amendments, Annex 8, are exempted from the provisions of this Regulation.

~~Class I, or A vehicles belonging to category M₂ or M₃ may be fitted with safety belts and/or restraint systems conforming to the requirements of this Regulation."~~

B. JUSTIFICATION

The crossed-out subparagraphs are redundant. According to the 1958 Agreement, the voluntary requirements are subject to the national legislation. The Agreement does not require the Contracting Parties to inform the Secretary General about the application of voluntary requirements.
