

Proposal for Supplement 1 to the 06 series of amendments to Regulation No. 16
(Safety Belts)

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Note: The text reproduced below was prepared by the experts from Germany and Belgium in order to introduce prescriptions for side-facing seats in vehicles of category M₃ (Class II, III and B). The modifications to the current text of the Regulation are marked in bold and strikethrough characters.

A. PROPOSAL

Insert new paragraphs 2.18.2. to 2.18.4., to read:

"2.18.2 "Forward-facing seat" means a seat which can be used whilst the vehicle is in motion and which faces towards the front of the vehicle in such a manner that the vertical plane of symmetry of the seat forms an angle of less than + 10° or - 10° with the vertical plane of symmetry of the vehicle;

2.18.3 "Rearward-facing seat" means a seat which can be used whilst the vehicle is in motion and which faces towards the rear of the vehicle in such a manner that the vertical plane of symmetry of the seat forms an angle of less than + 10° or – 10° with the vertical plane of symmetry of the vehicle;

2.18.4 "Side-facing seat" means a seat which, with regard to its alignment with the vertical plane of symmetry of the vehicle, does not meet either of the definitions given in 2.18.2 or 2.18.3 above;"

Annex 16, insert a new column "side-facing", to read:

Vehicle Category	Forward facing seating positions	Rear facing	Side facing
M1	unchanged	unchanged	
M2 ≤ 3,5 t			
M2 > 3,5 t			
M3			Br3, Br4m and Br4Nm
N1			
N2			
N3			

Foot notes remain unchanged.

B. JUSTIFICATION

In order to take into account the installation of side-facing seats under certain conditions, the proposal introduces the necessary requirements.