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Proposal for draft Supplement 5 to the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 44

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Spain on behalf of the Technical Services Group (TSG) on Regulation No. 44. It aims to clarify the exemption of tests required for the buckle as listed in paragraph 7.2.1. The modifications to the current text of Regulation are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2010–2014 (ECE/TRANS/2010/8, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

I. Proposal

Paragraph 7.2.1.9.4., shall be deleted.

Insert a new paragraph 7.2.1.10., to read:

"7.2.1.10. The competent authority may dispense with one or more of the tests listed in paragraph 7.2.1., with the exemption of the test required in paragraph 7.2.1.8.1., which has to be performed after every dynamic test, if the composition of the material used, or information already available, renders the test or tests superfluous."

II. Justification

The required tests refer to a component which is usually manufactured by a few suppliers and then sold to manufacturers of Child Restraints Systems (CRS). Often Technical Services completely repeat test on the same product for different CRS manufacturers. This exemption is not applicable on tests where results can be affected by tests performed previously on the complete CRS, like the opening test under load, preceded by the dynamic test.
