

Proposal for amendments of Regulation No. 16 (Safety-belts)

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I. Proposal

Requirements

Paragaraph 8.1.7., amend to read:

- "8.1.7. Every seating position in Annex 16 marked with the symbol •, three-point belts of a type specified in Annex 16 shall be provided unless one of the following conditions is fulfilled, in which case two-point belts of a type specified in Annex 16 may be provided.
- 8.1.7.1. There is a seat or other parts of the vehicle conforming to Regulation No. 80, Appendix 1, paragraph 3.5. directly in front, or
- 8.1.7.2. No part of the vehicle is in the reference zone, or capable of being in the reference zone when the vehicle is in motion, or
- 8.1.7.3. Parts of the vehicle within the said reference zone comply with the energy absorbing requirements set out in Regulation No 80, Appendix 6.
- 8.1.7.4. Paragraphs 8.1.7.1. – 8.1.7.3. shall not apply to a driver's seat."**

II. Justification

Currently opinions differ between different Technical Services which requirements to apply and how to approve a driver's seat with regard to its seat-belt. The proposed amendments clarify that for a driver's seat only a 3-point-belt shall be permitted.
