PROPOSAL OF SUPPLEMENT XX TO REGULATION No.16 (Safety Belts)

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A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 8.1.3., to be deleted

Paragraphs 8.1.4. to 8.1.13. (former), renumber as paragraphs 8.1.3 to 8.1.12.

Paragraph 8.1.7. (former 8.1.8), amend the reference to paragraph 8.1.9 to read 8.1.8.

Paragraph 8.1.10. (former 8.1.11.), amend the reference to paragraph 8.1.12 to read 8.1.11.

Paragraph 8.1.11. (former 8.1.12), amend the reference to paragraph 8.1.11 to read 8.1.10.

Annex 16., amend to read:

Annex 16

Minimum requirements for safety belts and retractors

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<tr>
<th>Vehicle Category</th>
<th>Outboard seating positions</th>
<th>Centre seating positions</th>
<th>Rear facing seating position</th>
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<td>M₁</td>
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<td>M₂</td>
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<td>N₃</td>
<td>Para. 8.1.6 lap belt permitted if the windshield is outside the reference zone and for the driver’s seat.</td>
<td>Para. 8.1.7 and 8.1.8 lap belt required in exposed seating positions.</td>
<td>Para. 8.1.6 lap belt permitted if the windshield is not in the reference zone.</td>
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A: three-point (lap and diagonal) belt
B: 2-point (lap) belt
C: automatically locking retractor
d: retractor
m: emergency locking retractor with multiple sensitivity
n: higher response threshold
*: Refers to para. 8.1.6. of this annex
#: Refers to para. 8.1.7. and 8.1.8., of this annex

Note: In all cases S-type belts may be fitted in place of an A or B type belt, provided anchorages complying with Regulation 14 are used.
Insert new paragraphs 15.2 to 15.2.3., to read:

15.2 Transitional provisions for supplement XX

15.2.1 As from the official date of entry into force of supplement 10 to the 04 series of amendments, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant ECE approvals under this Regulation as modified by Supplement 10 to the 04 series of amendments.

15.2.2 Upon expiration of a period of 36 months following the official date of entry into force referred to in paragraph 15.2.1 above, the Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall grant approval only if the vehicle type satisfies the requirements of this Regulation as amended by the Supplement 10 to the 04 series of amendments.

15.2.3 Upon the expiration of a period of 60 months following the official date of entry into force referred to in paragraph 15.2.1 above, the Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may refuse to recognize approvals not granted in accordance with the Supplement 10 to the 04 series of amendments to this Regulation.

B: JUSTIFICATION

Commission Directive 2000/3/EC of 22 February 2000 in the light of technical progress introduced an improvement of the protection provided for passengers by requiring the installation of three-points belts with retractors for all seats of motor vehicles of category M1. At this sake also Regulation 16 should be aligned to the technical progress of the Commission Directive.