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PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO UNECE REGULATION No. 14.

Problem: Marking of top tether anchorages (TTA) at ISOFIX seating positions

In the present stage of ECE-R14 marking of TTA is only prescribed if they are covered by trim or equivalent and not openly visible. Two problems have been identified with marking of TTA:

1. Sometimes there are anchorages in the luggage compartment of a vehicle only for the use of luggage fixation and those anchorages have been misused as a TTA because the TTA besides was not marked as the TTA.
2. A vehicle for the US-market is equipped on the rear bench with 3 TTA (one for every seating position) but only the 2 outboard seating positions have lower ISOFIX anchorages and offer seating positions for ISOFIX child restraints. All 3 TTA are marked as TTA which offers the misuse that a TT from an outboard seating position is fixed at the central TTA.

Solution: Draft amendments of marking prescriptions.

To problem 1: All TTA, either visible or covered, shall be marked as TTA with the exception of problem 2 solution.

To problem 2: TTA at a seating position not offering ISOFIX lower anchorages shall not be marked as a TTA because they are not suitable for TTA.

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