

Proposal for Supplement 1 to the 08 series of amendments

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Germany to introduce construction and test requirements for folding seats. The modifications to the current text of the Regulation are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters. This document supersedes document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2011/10.

I. Proposal

Paragraphs 2.9., amend to read:

"2.9. "Folding seat" means an ~~auxiliary~~ seat **normally folded, which can be easily prepared** intended for occasional use ~~and normally folded~~ **by an occupant.**"

Paragraphs 5.2.1., amend to read:

"5.2.1. Every adjustment and displacement system provided shall incorporate a locking system, which shall operate automatically.

~~Folding seats shall lock automatically in the position of use.~~

Locking systems for armrests or other comfort devices are not necessary unless the presence of such devices will cause additional risk of injury to the occupants of a vehicle in the event of a collision.

Folding seats shall lock automatically in the position of use by occupants."

Paragraph 5.3.4., amend to read:

"5.3.4. All seats which can be tipped forward or have fold-on backs **and folding seats** ~~must~~ shall lock automatically in the ~~normal~~ **position of use by occupants.**

These requirements ~~does~~ not apply to **folding** seats fitted in the wheelchair spaces **or areas for standing passengers** of vehicles of category M₂ or M₃ of class I, II or A. and **folding seat(s) fitted in the access passages of vehicles of category M₂ or M₃.**"

Insert a new paragraph 6.1.4., to read:

"6.1.4. **Folding seats shall be tested in the position of use by occupants.**"

II. Justification

1. The former 07 series of amendments to Regulation No. 17 explicitly mentioned under the scope in paragraph 1, that requirements of Regulation No. 17 do not apply for folding seats. With the introduction of the 08 series of amendments to Regulation No. 17,

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this exemption was cancelled and as a consequence folding seats shall comply with the requirements of Regulation No. 17.

2. The above-mentioned proposes modifications to the present text of Regulation No. 17 to introduce functional- and test requirements for folding seats.
