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1958 AGREEMENT

Consideration of draft amendments to existing Regulations

Proposal for the 06 series of amendments to Regulation No. 16
(Safety-belts)

Submitted by the Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP) */

The text reproduced below was adopted by GRSP at its forty-third session. It is based on Annex IV to the report. It is transmitted to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and to the Administrative Committee (AC.1) for consideration (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/43, para. 26).

*/ In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2006-2010 (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

Paragraph 5.2.2., amend to read:

"5.2.2.two digits (at present 06 corresponding to the 06 series of amendments) shall...."

Paragraph 8.1.1., amend to read:

"8.1.1. With the exception of seating intended solely for use when the vehicle is stationary, the seats of vehicles of categories M₁, M₂ (of Class III or B */), M₃ (of Class III or B */) and N shall be equipped with safety-belts or restraint systems which satisfy the requirements of this Regulation.

Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may demand the installation of safety belts on M₂ and M₃ vehicles belonging to Class II.

When fitted, the safety belts and/or restraint systems in Class I, II or A vehicles belonging to category M₂ or M₃ have to be in compliance with the requirements of this Regulation.

Contracting Parties may, under national law, allow the installation of safety belts or restraint systems other than those covered by this Regulation provided that they are intended for disabled people.

Restraint systems complying with the provisions of Regulation No. 107, 01 series of amendments, Annex 8, are exempted from the provisions of this Regulation.

Class I, or A vehicles belonging to category M₂ or M₃ may be fitted with safety belts and/or restraint systems conforming to the requirements of this Regulation."

Insert new paragraphs 15.2.17. to 15.2.22., to read:

"15.2.17. As from the official date of entry into force of the 06 series of amendments, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant ECE approvals under this Regulation as amended by the 06 series of amendments.

15.2.18. As from 24 months after the date of entry into force of the 06 series of amendments, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall grant ECE approvals only if the requirements of this Regulation, as amended by the 06 series of amendments, are satisfied.

15.2.19. As from 36 months after the date of entry into force of the 06 series of amendments, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may refuse to recognize approvals which were not granted in accordance with the 06 series of amendments to this Regulation.

15.2.20. Even after the date of entry into force of the 06 series of amendments, approvals of the components and separate technical units to the preceding series of

amendments to the Regulation shall remain valid and Contracting Parties applying the Regulation shall continue to accept them.

15.2.21. Notwithstanding paragraphs 15.2.18. and 15.2.19., approvals of the vehicle categories to the preceding series of amendments to the Regulation which are not affected by the 06 series of amendments shall remain valid and Contracting Parties applying the Regulation shall continue to accept them.

15.2.22. As long as there are no requirements concerning the compulsory fitting of safety belts for folding seats in their national requirements at the time of acceding to this Regulation, Contracting Parties may continue to allow this non-fitment for the purpose of national approval and in this case these bus categories cannot be type approved under this Regulation."

Annex 2

Paragraph 1. and 2., amend the figure "05", to read "06" (22 times, including all the figures)."
