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Regulation No. 17 (Strength of seats)

Proposal for Supplement 1 to the 08 series of amendments

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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.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2010–2014 (ECE/TRANS/208, para. 106 and ECE/TRANS/2010/8, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

I. Proposal

Paragraph 5.3.4., amend to read:

"5.3.4. All seats which can be tipped ~~forward over~~ or have fold-on backs must lock automatically in ~~the normal~~ all positions. This requirement does not apply to seats fitted in the wheelchair spaces of vehicles of category M₂ or M₃ of class I, II or A.;"

Insert a new paragraph 5.3.5., to read:

"5.3.5. **However, folding seat(s) of vehicles of category M₂ or M₃ for use by the crew do not need to fulfil the requirements of paragraph 5.3.4.**"

Insert a new paragraph 6.1.4., to read:

"6.1.4. **Folding seats shall be tested in tipped down position.**"

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, 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 construction and test requirements for folding seats.