

PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 16
(Safety-belts)

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A. PROPOSAL

Annex 16, amend to read:

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFETY BELTS AND RETRACTORS

Vehicle Category	Forward facing seating positions				Rear facing Seating positions
	Outboard seating positions		Centre seating positions		
	Front	Other than front	Front	Other than front	
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N2	B Br 3,Br4m,Br4Nm
N3	or A Ar 4m,Ar4Nm*

B. JUSTIFICATION

Japan is currently considering adopting ECE Regulation No. 16 into its national regulations. However, the Japanese Safety Regulation and ECE Regulation No. 16 differ from each other in that the Safety Regulation requires, from a standpoint of ensuring the driver's safety in the event of a collision, mandatory installation of an Emergency Locking Retractor (ELR) at the driver's seat of category N2 and N3 vehicles, whereas the ECE Regulation does not require such mandatory installation of ELRs. For this reason, Japan proposes to amend ECE Regulation No. 16 as above. In addition, since this proposal involves tightening installation requirements for safety belts, the proposed amendment must be issued as a new series of amendments.
