

Child Restraint Systems with false ECE approval marks.

During the FIA's Conference week in Buenos Aires in May 2009 the FIA and the FIA Foundation were made aware of Infanti Child Restraint Systems (CRS) bearing two E1 ECE approval marks (E1 04301166 and E1 03301166)

On inquiry with the Kraftfahrt Bundes Amt (KBA) in Germany it became clear that these approval numbers were never issued for this CRS and that the approval was withdrawn in 2007.

On request of the FIA Foundation TNO Automotive in the Netherlands has performed two dynamic tests with this Infanti CRS in accordance with ECE regulation 44.04. Both CRS failed this test.

The Infanti CRS is a very popular in South America. The manufacturer is established in Chile and many are sold in Argentina. In an advertisement on the Infanti website in Argentina (not on the Infanti website in Chile) it is stated that: "The Infanti CRS are homologated in accordance with the extreme quality and safety standards of the EC". In addition a circle with E1 and the official logo of the German KBA are shown. Both the Federal Ministry of Transport in Germany and the KBA have been informed.

The FIA and the FIA Foundation are of the opinion that consumers in South America are being misled about the safety performance of these CRS.

- - - - -