Proposal for amendments of Regulation No. 16 (Safety-belts)

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I. Proposal

Requirements

Paragraph 8.1.7., amend to read:

"8.1.7. Every seating position in Annex 16 marked with the symbol •, three-point belts of a type specified in Annex 16 shall be provided unless one of the following conditions is fulfilled, in which case two-point belts of a type specified in Annex 16 may be provided.

8.1.7.1. There is a seat or other parts of the vehicle conforming to Regulation No. 80, Appendix 1, paragraph 3.5. directly in front, or

8.1.7.2. No part of the vehicle is in the reference zone, or capable of being in the reference zone when the vehicle is in motion, or

8.1.7.3. Parts of the vehicle within the said reference zone comply with the energy absorbing requirements set out in Regulation No 80, Appendix 6.

8.1.7.4. Paragraphs 8.1.7.1. – 8.1.7.3. shall not apply to a driver’s seat."

II. Justification

Currently opinions differ between different Technical Services which requirements to apply and how to approve a driver’s seat with regard to its seat-belt. The proposed amendments clarify that for a driver’s seat only a 3-point-belt shall be permitted.