Proposal for Supplement 4 to the 06 series of amendments to Regulation 16 (safety belts)

I. Proposal

Paragraph 8.1.8., amend to read:

"8.1.8. With the exception of the case covered by paragraph 8.1.9., every passenger seating position which is fitted with an frontal airbag shall be provided with a warning against the use of a rearward-facing child restraint in that seating position. The warning label, in the form of a pictogram which may include explanatory text, shall be durably affixed and located such that it is easily visible in front of a person about to install a rearward-facing child restraint on the seat in question, for instance on each face of the passenger front sun visor.

An example of a possible design of a pictogram is shown in Figure 1. A permanent reference should be visible at all times, in case the warning is not visible when the door is closed.

Figure 1, replace by:

"Figure 1



Colours:

- (a) the pictogram is red;
- (b) seat, child seat and contour line of the airbag are black;
- (c) the word airbag as well as the airbag are white."

II. Justification

The requirements for the airbag warning label were recently amended by Supplement 4 to the 01 series of amendments and by Supplement 1 to the 02 series of amendments to Regulation 94.

It therefore appears necessary to align the corresponding prescriptions of Regulation 16, taking into account that the requirements for positioning the label slightly differ between Regulation 16 and Regulation 94, sometimes leading to interpretation difficulties at type approval.

Consequently, the proposal aims at ensuring that the location of the label according to Regulation 94 is acceptable for Regulation 16. Also, it is proposed to use, for the example used in Regulation 16, part of the pictogram of Regulation 94 for consistency reasons.

Furthermore, it seems also necessary to clarify that these labelling requirements address passenger airbags (frontal collision, as defined in paragraph 2.9 of Regulation 16) in order to avoid confusion with lateral collision airbags (which can be considered as included in paragraph 2.8 of Regulation 16).

Finally, this proposal supersedes informal document GRSP-51-14