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Proposal for draft amendments to Regulation No. 44 (Child restraints)

Objective: Update of Regulation No. 44, paragraphs. 14.2.1. and 14.2.11. with respect to the 04 series of amendments

Paragraph 14.2.1., amend to read:

"14.2.1. For "universal" category child restraints the following label shall be clearly visible at the point of sale without removing the packing:

NOTICE

This is a "Universal" child restraint. It is approved to Regulation No. 44,-03 04 series of amendments, for general use in vehicles and it will fit most, but not all, car seats.

A correct fit is likely if the vehicle manufacturer has declared in the vehicle handbook that the vehicle is capable of accepting a "Universal" child restraint for this age group.

This child restraint has been classified as "Universal" under more stringent conditions than those which applied to earlier designs which do not carry this notice.

If in doubt, consult either the child restraint manufacturer or the retailer.

Paragraph 14.2.11., amend to read:

"14.2.11. For ISOFIX child restraint system the following label shall be clearly visible at the point of sale without removing the packing:

NOTICE

1. This is an ISOFIX CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEM. It is approved to Regulation No. 44, 03-04 series of amendments for general use in vehicles fitted with ISOFIX anchorages systems.

2. It will fit vehicles with positions approved as ISOFIX positions (as detailed in the vehicle handbook), depending on the category of the child seat and of the fixture.

3. The mass group and the ISOFIX size class for which this device is intended is :

JUSTIFICATION: The 04 series of amendments did not include an update of Regulation No. 44 regarding the paragraph which relates to instructions, i.e. labelling of universal category child restraint at point of sale (para. 14.2.1.) and ISOFIX category at point of sale (para. 14.2.11).

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