

Proposal for draft amendments to Regulation No.16

Note: The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the Netherlands in order to provide a solution for the dilemma of mandatory fitting of safety-belts for Class II buses. The proposal is the working out of the earlier comment of The Netherlands that has been worded in the report of last GRSP meeting, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/41, paragraph 32, last sentence.

A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 8.1.1., amend to read:

"8.1.1. With the exception of ~~folding seats (as defined in Regulation No. 14) and~~ seating intended solely for use when the vehicle is stationary, the seats of vehicles of categories ~~M and N~~ **M₁, M₂ (of Class III or B */), M₃ (of Class III or B *) and N** (~~except those vehicles of categories M₂ and M₃ which belong to Classes I II or A */~~) shall be equipped with safety-belts or restraint systems which satisfy the requirements of this Regulation.

Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may for reason of registration, taking account of the specific conditions of use on their territory, demand the installation of safety belts on M₂ and M₃ vehicles belonging to Class II.

When fitted, the safety belts and/or restraint systems in Class I, II or A vehicles belonging to category M₂ or M₃ have to be in compliance with the requirements of this Regulation.

*/ As defined in Annex 7 to the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of vehicles (R.E.3), document TRANS/WP.29/78/Rev.1, as last amended by Amendment 4.

B. JUSTIFICATION

Depending on the situation in each country the needs are quite different. The purpose of this text is providing Contracting Parties the right to demand the installation of safety belts in Class II buses. This wording has been derived from EU Directive concerning safety belts (latest amendment 2005/40/EC).

If this wording could be accepted, the special clause in Regulation No. 16 proposed to be added to par. 8.1.1. on request of Japan (being a part of Informal Document No. GRSP-42-18) seems to be no longer needed.

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