Proposed amendments to ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2011/54

Draft Supplement 2 to the 07 Series of amendments to Regulation No. 14 (Safety-belt anchorages)

I. Proposal

Paragraph 14.

- "14. Transitional provisions
- 14.1. As from the official date of entry into force of the 06 series of amendments, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant ECE approvals under this Regulation as amended by the 06 series of amendments.
- 14.2. As from 2 years after the enter into force of the 06 series of amendments to this Regulation, Contracting parties applying this Regulation shall grant ECE type approvals only if the requirements of this Regulation, as amended by the 06 series of amendments, are satisfied.
- 14.3. As from 7 years after the enter into force of the 06 series of amendments to this Regulation, Contracting parties applying this Regulation may refuse to recognize approvals which were not granted in accordance with the 06 series of amendments to this Regulation. However, existing approvals of the vehicle categories which are not affected by the 06 series of amendments to this Regulation shall remain valid and Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall continue to accept them.
- 14.4. For vehicles not affected by paragraph 7.1.1. above, approvals granted according to the 04 series of amendments to this Regulation shall remain valid.
- 14.5. For vehicles not affected by Supplement 4 to the 05 series of amendments to this Regulation the existing approvals shall remain valid, if they had been granted in compliance with the 05 series of amendments, up to its Supplement 3.
- 14.6. As from the official date of entry into force of Supplement 5 to the 05 series of amendments, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant ECE approvals under this Regulation as modified by Supplement 5 to the 05 series of amendments."
- 14.7. For vehicles not affected by Supplement 5 to the 05 series of amendments to this Regulation the existing approvals shall remain valid, if they had been granted in compliance with the 05 series of amendments, up to its Supplement 3.
- 14.8. As from 20 February 2005 for vehicles of category M1, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall grant ECE approvals only if the requirements of this Regulation, as amended by Supplement 5 to the 05 series of amendments, are satisfied.
- 14.9. As from 20 February 2007 for vehicles of category M1, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may refuse to recognize approvals which were not granted in accordance with Supplement 5 to the 05 series of amendments to this Regulation.
- 14.10. As from 16 July 2006 for vehicles of category N, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall grant approval only if the vehicle type satisfies the requirements of this Regulation as amended by the Supplement 5 to the 05 series of amendments.

- 14.11. As from 16 July 2008 for vehicles of category N, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may refuse to recognize approvals not granted in accordance with Supplement 5 to the 05 series of amendments to this Regulation.
- 14.12. As from the official date of entry into force of the 07 series of amendments, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant ECE approvals under this Regulation as amended by the 07 series of amendments.
- 14.13. As from 24 months after the date of entry into force of the 07 series of amendments, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall grant ECE approvals only if the requirements of this Regulation, as amended by the 07 series of amendments, are satisfied.
- 14.14. As from 36 months after the date of entry into force of the 07 series of amendments, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may refuse to recognize approvals which were not granted in accordance with the 07 series of amendments to this Regulation.
- 14.15. Notwithstanding paragraphs 14.13. and 14.14., approvals of the vehicle categories to the preceding series of amendments to the Regulation which are not affected by the 07 series of amendments shall remain valid and Contracting Parties applying the Regulation shall continue to accept them.
- 14.16. As long as there are no requirements concerning the compulsory fitting of safety-belt anchorages for folding seats in their national requirements at the time of acceding to this Regulation, Contracting Parties may continue to allow this non-fitment for the purpose of national approval and in this case these bus categories cannot be type approved under this Regulation."

Add new paragraphs 14.17 to 14.19., to read:

- "14.17. As from the official date of entry into force of supplement 2 to the 07 series of amendments, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant ECE approval under this Regulation as amended by supplement 2 of the 07 series of amendments.
- 14.18. As from 12 months after the official date of entry into force of supplement 2 to the 07 series of amendments, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall grant ECE approvals only to those types of vehicle which comply with the requirements of this Regulation as amended by supplement 2 to the 07 series of amendments.
- 14.19. Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not refuse to grant extensions of approvals preceding series of amendments to this Regulation, even if supplement 2 to the 07 series of amendments is not fulfilled."

II. Justification

The new requirements for tether anchorages (Supplement 2 to the 07 series of amendments to Regulation 14) may entail marking changes, such that in many cases existing tooling needs to be changed. Taking into account that this new requirement, if adopted by WP29 in June 2011 would become applicable around January 2012, it appears appropriate to foresee some leadtime.

Furthermore, clarification is needed to ensure the possibility to obtain extensions to previously granted approvals.