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Submitted by the Working Party on Passive Safety*

The text reproduced below was adopted by the Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP) at its fifty-third session (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/53, para. 23). It is based on ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2013/8 as amended by Annex IV to the report. It is submitted to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and to the Administrative Committee AC.1 for consideration.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2010–2014 (ECE/TRANS/208, para. 106 and ECE/TRANS/2010/8, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update regulations in order to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.
Paragraph 8.1.8., amend to read:

"8.1.8. Every passenger seating position which is fitted with a frontal protection airbag shall be provided with a warning against the use of a rearward-facing child restraint in that seating position. As a minimum, this information shall consist of a label containing clear warning pictograms as indicated below:

- Label outline, vertical and horizontal line black
- White background
- Top symbols black, with yellow or amber background
- White background
- Pictogram according to ISO 2575:2004 - Z.01 shall be exact or larger as well as in the specified colours red, black and white
- Pictogram images shall be grouped, exact or larger as well as in the indicated colours red, black and white

The overall dimensions shall be at least 120 x 60 mm or the equivalent area.

The label shown above may be adapted in such a way that the layout differs from the example above; however, the content shall meet the above prescriptions."

Paragraph 8.1.9., amend to read:

"8.1.9. In the case of a frontal protection airbag in the front passenger seat, the warning shall be durably affixed to each face of the passenger front sun visor in such a position that at least one warning on the sun visor is visible at all times, irrespective of the position of the sun visor. Alternatively, one warning shall be located on the visible face of the stowed sun visor and a second warning shall be located on the roof behind the visor, so, at least one warning is visible all times. It shall not be possible to easily remove the warning label
from the visor and the roof without any obvious and clearly visible damage remaining to the visor or the roof in the interior of the vehicle.

If the vehicle does not have a sun visor or roof, the warning label shall be positioned in a location where it is clearly visible at all times.

In the case of a frontal protection airbag for other seats in the vehicle, the warning shall be directly ahead of the relevant seat, and clearly visible at all times to someone installing a rear-facing child restraint on that seat. The requirements of paragraphs 8.1.8. and 8.1.9. do not apply to those seating positions equipped with a device which automatically deactivates the frontal protection airbag assembly when any rearward facing child restraint is installed."

*Insert a new paragraph 8.1.10.*, to read:

"8.1.10. Detailed information, making reference to the warning, shall be contained in the owner's manual of the vehicle; as a minimum, the following text in all official languages of the country or countries where the vehicle could reasonably be expected to be registered (e.g. within the territory of the European Union, in Japan, in Russian Federation or in New Zealand, etc.), shall at least include:

"NEVER use a rearward facing child restraint on a seat protected by an ACTIVE AIRBAG in front of it, DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY to the CHILD can occur"

The text shall be accompanied by an illustration of the warning label as found in the vehicle. The information shall be easily found in the owner's manual (e.g. specific reference to the information printed on the first page, identifying page tab or separate booklet, etc.).

The requirements of paragraph 8.1.10. do not apply to vehicles of which all passenger seating positions are equipped with a device which automatically deactivates the frontal protection airbag assembly when any rearward facing child restraint is installed."

*Paragraph 8.1.10., (former), renumber as paragraph 8.1.11.*

*Insert new paragraphs 15.3.7. and 15.3.8.*, to read:

"15.3.7. As from the official date of entry into force of Supplement 5 to the 06 series of amendments, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant type approvals under this Regulation as amended by Supplement 5 to the 06 series of amendments.

15.3.8. Until 12 months after the date of entry into force of the Supplement 5 to the 06 series of amendments to this Regulation, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation can continue to grant type approvals to the 06 series of amendments to this Regulation without taking into account the provisions of Supplement 5."