Proposal for Supplement 14 to the 04 series of amendments to UN Regulation No. 44 (Child restraint systems)

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from France on behalf of the Technical Services Group (TSG) on Regulation No. 44 concerning the correct use of the Y symbol for the use of a crotch strap. The modifications to the current text of the UN Regulation are in strikethrough for deleted characters.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2016–2017 (ECE/TRANS/254, para. 159 and ECE/TRANS/2016/28/Add.1, cluster 3.1), 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.
I. Proposal

Paragraph 5.4.2.3., shall be deleted

Paragraph 5.2.4. (former), renumber as paragraph 5.4.2.3.

Annex 2, amend to read:

"Annex 2

Arrangements of the approval marks

The child restraint system bearing the above approval mark is a device capable …

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The child restraint system bearing the above approval mark is a device not capable of being fitted in every vehicle and of being used for the 9 kg-25 kg mass range (Groups I and II); it is approved in the Netherlands (E 4) under the number 042450. The approval number indicates that the approval was granted in accordance with the requirements of the Regulation concerning the approval of restraining devices for child occupants of power-driven vehicles ("child restraint system") as amended by the 04 series of amendments. The symbol "Y" indicates that the system contains a crotch strap.

Note: The ...

II. Justification

The Y symbol is no longer used in UN Regulation No. 129. Thus, the consumer is not aware of the meaning of the symbol. Moreover, Supplement 3 to the 02 series of amendments to UN Regulation No. 44 is not available on the UNECE website. Some manufactures do use the symbol, others do not. Approval authorities as well as Technical Services do not seem to be consistent in checking this.