Proposal for amendments of Regulation No. 14 (Safety-belt anchorages)

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I. Proposal

Specifications 5.3.1., amend to read:

"5.3.1. Any vehicle in categories M and N (except those vehicles of categories M2 or M3 which belong to Classes I and A ¹) shall be equipped with safety belt anchorages which satisfy the requirements of this regulation.

If vehicles of categories M2 or M3 which belong to Classes I or A ¹ are fitted with safety-belt anchorages, these anchorages shall satisfy the requirements of this regulation."

Specifications 5.3.5., amend to read:

"5.3.5. In every seating position marked in Annex 6 with symbol ¶, three anchorages shall be provided. Two anchorages may be provided if one of the following conditions is fulfilled:

5.3.5.1. There is a seat or other parts of the vehicle conforming to Regulation No. 80, Appendix 1, paragraph 3.5. directly in front, or

5.3.5.2. No part of the vehicle is in the reference zone, or capable of being in the reference zone when the vehicle is in motion, or

5.3.5.3. Parts of the vehicle within the said reference zone comply with the energy absorbing requirements set out in Regulation No 80, Appendix 6.

5.3.5.4. Paragraphs 5.3.5.1. – 5.3.5.3. shall not apply to a driver’s seat."

II. Justification

Currently opinions differ between different Technical Services which requirements to apply and how to approve a driver’s seat with regard to its seat-belt. The proposed amendments clarify that for a driver’s seat only a 3-point-belt shall be permitted.