Proposal for various supplements to different series of amendments to Regulation No. 129

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the European Association of Automotive Suppliers (CLEPA). It amends the proposals submitted by the expert from Spain (ECE/TRANS/WP29/GRSP/2018/13-16) regarding the opening of shoulder strap positioners in UN Regulation No. 129. Modifications to the proposals from Spain are marked in bold for new characters and strikethrough for deleted characters.

I. Proposal for Supplement 8 to the 00 series of amendments, Supplement 5 to the 01 series of amendments, Supplement 4 to the 02 series of amendments and Supplement 1 to the 03 series of amendments to UN Regulation No. 129

Paragraph 6.7.1.4. amend to read:

"6.7.1.4. It shall be possible to release the child from the restraint by a single operation on a single buckle. A further single operation may be used to release a and on-the-shoulder strap positioner, if any. In such cases, it shall be possible to release the shoulder strap positioner before as well as after release of the buckle, or simultaneously. The buckle and the shoulder strap positioner can be opened independently of each other. It is allowed to remove the child together with devices such as infant carrier/carry-cot/carry-cot restraints if the Enhanced Child Restraint System can be released by operation of a maximum of two release buttons."

II. Justification

1. The proposal from Spain clarified the text of paragraph 6.7.1.4. to prevent the interpretation that a shoulder strap positioner, where present, must always be designed to be released before the harness buckle. This proposal aims to make explicit that Regulation No. 129 requires that both opening sequences are possible on any Enhanced Child Restraint System that features a shoulder strap positioner, whilst also allowing simultaneous opening of the shoulder strap positioner and buckle.

2. This proposal also improves the English wording of the second half of paragraph 6.7.1.4. with respect to the release of modules from a base.