Proposal for Supplement 3 to the 06 series of amendments to Regulation No. 16 (Safety-belts)

I. Proposal

Paragraph 2.31., amend to read:

"2.31. ISOFIX position means a system which allows to install:
   (a) either universal ISOFIX forward facing child restraint system as defined in Regulation No.44,
   (b) or a universal ISOFIX rearward facing child restraint system as defined in Regulation No.44,
   (c) or a semi-universal ISOFIX forward facing child restraint system as defined in Regulation No.44,
   (d) or a semi-universal ISOFIX rearward facing child restraint system as defined in Regulation No.44,
   (e) or a semi-universal ISOFIX lateral facing child restraint system as defined in Regulation No.44,
   (f) or a specific vehicle ISOFIX child restraint system as defined in Regulation No.44."

Annex 17 - appendix 3 table 2, amend to read:

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Key of letters to be inserted in the above table
IUF= suitable for ISOFIX forward child restraints systems of universal category approved for use in the mass group
IUR= suitable for ISOFIX Rearward child restraints systems of universal category approved for use in the mass group
IL= suitable for particular ISOFIX child restraint systems (CRS) given in the attached list. These ISOFIX CRS are those of the "specific vehicle","restricted", or "semi-universal" categories.
X= ISOFIX position not suitable for ISOFIX child restraint systems in this mass group and/or this size class."

II. Justification

For the time being it is not possible to grant type approval for rearward facing child restraint systems (CRS) under ISOFIX Universal category. According to existing products on the market, already type approved as ISOFIX semi-universal and available data, there are no technical reasons to forbid type approval of Rearward facing ISOFIX as universal CRS.