

Proposal for the 09 Series of Amendments to UN Regulation No. 16 (Safety-belts) *

The text reproduced below was prepared by OICA to harmonise transitional provisions for both France (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2023/17) and Netherlands (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2023/09) proposals of UNR16.09 and clarify the requirements for safety-belt reminder of rear seat row(s). The modifications to the existing text of the UN Regulation in the document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2023/17 are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters.

1. Proposal

Paragraph 8.4.4.3., amend to read:

- "8.4.4.3. The colour of the visual warning may be other than red and the symbol of the visual warning for safety-belts covered by paragraph 8.4.1.2 may contain different symbols other than defined in Regulation No.121. In addition, the first level warning of seating positions covered by paragraph 8.4.1.2 may be cancellable by the driver **by a deliberate action**. ~~In that case, the driver shall be aware that he cancels the first level warning.~~"

Paragraph 15.5.7. (former), shall be deleted:

- ~~15.5.7. Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not refuse to grant type approvals according to any preceding series of amendments to this Regulation or extensions thereof.~~

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2023/17, *paragraphs 15.6. to 15.6.7. (former)*, replace by *paragraphs 15.6 to 15.6.4.*:

- "15.6 **As from the official date of entry into force of the 09 series of amendments, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant or refuse to accept UN type approvals under this Regulation as amended by the 9 series of amendments.**
- 15.6.1. **As from 1 September 2026, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not be obliged to accept UN type approvals to the preceding series of amendments that were first issued on or after 1 September 2026.**
- 15.6.2. **Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall continue to accept type-approvals of vehicles, safety-belts, and restraint systems according to any of the preceding series of amendments, first issued before 1 September 2026, provided the transitional provisions in these respective previous series of amendments foresee this possibility.**
- 15.6.3. **Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may grant type-approvals according to any preceding series of amendments to this Regulation.**
- 15.6.4. **Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall continue to grant extensions of existing approvals to any preceding series of amendments to this Regulation.**

2. Justifications

1. As this new series of amendments proposal from France clarify the requirements of safety belt reminder systems (SBRs), already mandatory for all vehicles, including those new types with removable seats from 2022, a New Type date is proposed, but current approvals should continue to be accepted. The transitional provisions in paragraph 15.6.2. specify that the proposed amendment will not affect existing approvals of vehicles with regard to the seat belt reminders, nor their extensions.
 2. Also, the new requirements proposed by Netherlands regarding the voluntary lower tether anchorages (LTAs) clarify their requirements, as well as the vehicle handbook information, with the same New Type date, without affecting existing approvals of vehicles.
 3. As the proposed 09 series of amendments of the UNR 16 would be voted in November 2023 WP29, then enter into force in July 2024, the proposed New Type date propose the usual 2 years period.
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