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**1958 Agreement:**

**Consideration of draft amendments to existing**

**UN Regulations submitted by GRSP**

Proposal for a 01 series of amendments to UN Regulation No. 174 (Safety-belt reminders)

 Submitted by the Working Party on Passive Safety[[1]](#footnote-2)\*

 The text reproduced below was adopted by the Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP) at its seventy-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/76, paragraph 15). It is based on Based on GRSP-76-27, as amended by GRSP-76-41-Rev.1 (as reproduced in annex V of the report). It is submitted to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and to the Administrative Committee (AC.1) for consideration at their June 2025 sessions.

*Table of contents,* add the following new entry in proper order:

"11. Transitional provisions"

*Insert new paragraph 2.18.*, to read:

"2.18. *"Vehicle master control switch"* means the device by which the vehicle’s on-board electronics system is brought from being switched off, as in the case where a vehicle is parked without the driver being present, to a normal operation mode (i.e. the vehicle status is "ready to drive")."

*Paragraph 5.1.3.*, amend to read:

"5.1.3. A safety-belt reminder is not compulsory on folding seats (i.e. normally folded or stowed and designed for occasional use, fitted in the access passages of vehicles of category M2 or M3, or fitted to N1 or N2 for the safe ingress and egress of the driver via the front passenger door) as well as seating positions fitted with an S-type belt (including harness belt).

 …"

*Paragraph 5.2.3.1.*, amend to read:

"5.2.3.1. The first level warning shall be at least a visual warning activated for 30 seconds or longer for seating positions covered by paragraph 5.1.1. and for 60 seconds or longer for seating positions covered by paragraph 5.1.2. when the safety-belt of any of the seats is not fastened and the ignition switch or master control switch is activated.

 If the vehicle master control switch has been activated remotely, the first level warning shall be (re-)initiated once the driver has entered the vehicle or driver presence is detected."

*Insert new paragraph 5.5.3.*, to read:

"5.5.3. In case of activation of the accident emergency call system, the second level warning may be muted."

*Insert new paragraphs 11. to 11.2.3*., to read:

"11. Transitional provisions

11.1. General

11.1.1. Contracting Parties applying this Regulation may grant type approvals according to any of the preceding series of amendments to this Regulation.

11.1.2. Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall continue to grant extensions of existing approvals to any of the preceding series of amendments to this Regulation.

11.2. Transitional provisions applicable to the 01 series of amendments

11.2.1. As from the official date of entry into force of the 01 series of amendments, no Contracting Party applying this Regulation shall refuse to grant or refuse to accept type approvals under this Regulation as amended by the 01 series of amendments.

11.2.2. As from 1 September 2027, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not be obliged to accept type approvals to any of the preceding series of amendments, first issued after 1 September 2027.

11.2.3. Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall continue to accept type approvals issued according to the original form of this Regulation, first issued before 1 September 2027."

*Annex 2*, amend to read:

**"Annex 2**

**Arrangements of approval marks**

(see paragraphs 4.5. to 4.5.2. of this Regulation)

a = 8 mm minimum

174R - 011234

The above approval mark affixed to a vehicle shows that the vehicle type concerned was approved in the Netherlands (E4) pursuant to UN Regulation No. 174 under approval No. 011234. The first two digits (01) of the approval number indicate that the approval was granted in accordance with the requirements of the 01 series of amendments to UN Regulation No. 174."

*Annex 3, paragraph 1,* amend to read:

"1. The first level warning shall be tested according to the following conditions:

(a) Safety-belt is not fastened;

(b) Engine or propulsion system is stopped or idling, and the vehicle is not in forward or reverse motion;

(c) Ignition switch or vehicle master control switch is activated;

(d) A load of 40 kg is placed on each seat cushion in the same row as the driver's seat, or the state in which occupants are on board the vehicle is simulated by an alternative method specified ….

(e) The state of the safety-belt reminder is checked for all of the relevant seat(s), in conditions (a) to (d)."

1. \* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2025 as outlined in proposed programme budget for 2025 (A/79/6 (Sect. 20), table 20.6), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update UN Regulations in order to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)