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PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 44 (Child restraints)

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A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 6.2.4.1., amend to read:

"6.2.4.1. Y-shaped belts may only be used in rearward facing and lateral facing child restraint systems (carrycots). Y-shaped belts may also be used in addition to a shield in front facing child restraint systems."

B. JUSTIFICATION

Paragraph 6.2.4.1. in its current version states that the Y-shaped belt may only be used in rearward facing CRS. The purpose of this paragraph is to prevent the usage of a Y-shaped belt in front facing CRS. However, it does not permit the usage of a Y-shaped belt for lateral facing CRS. In front facing CRS, a shield may be used alone, the possibility of using a Y-belt in addition to this shield giving the opportunity to improve this type of child restraint.