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Improving child safety in cars

Last week, the Working party on Passive Safety of the United Nations (GRSP) agreed on a new Regulation for child restraints which is a major step forward in child safety in cars. Key objectives of the regulation is to improve the misuse situation by requiring Integral Universal ISOFIX restraints for children up to a stature of 105 cm, introducing a side impact test, and extending the rear facing position for the youngest. Called **i-Size**, this new category of child seats is to be used in all i-size seating positions of a vehicle.

During four years, experts from CLEPA, vehicle manufacturers, consumers' associations, EU Commission and governments worked together to prepare this new legislation, with a leading role from CLEPA member companies thanks to their expertise and testing capabilities.

Final formal adoption is expected in 2012 with entry into force of this regulation in 2013.

This milestone represents the completion of the 1st Phase of a broader project on child safety. Phase 2 has already started: it is dedicated to booster restraints, and CLEPA will maintain its commitment to safety.

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