



TYRE INDUSTRY FEDERATION

Tyre Manufacturers' Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes of the meeting held 16th July 2020 by video-conference

Present					
Vincent Bezard	<i>Cooper Tire Europe</i>	Rob Blurton	<i>Michelin</i>	Alistair Brown	<i>GiTi</i>
Steve Howat	<i>Continental</i>	Steve Morris (Chair)	<i>Goodyear</i>	Gerry Murphy	<i>ITMA</i>
Nigel Winfield	<i>Pirelli</i>				
Apologies					
Chris Baxter	<i>Hankook</i>	Alan Meaker	<i>Toyo</i>	Gary Powell	<i>Bridgestone</i>
In attendance					
Graham Willson	<i>BTMA</i>				

1. Welcome and housekeeping matters

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham welcomed participants to the call. Apologies were received from Chris Baxter, Alan Meaker and Gary Powell.	Noted.

2. Compliance statement

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham highlighted the need to respect Competition law and the requirements of the TIF compliance statement.	Members agreed to abide by the requirements of the compliance statement.

3. Minutes of last meeting held 10th March 2020

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Review of the minutes of the meeting held 10 th March 2020.	The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
None.	

5. Report from truck tyre task force: guidance, etc

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Steve Morris briefly reported the work in progress and commented favourably on the collaboration with DVSA. Steve Howat reported that the Ag tyre inflation project was still "live", although delayed.	Noted.

6. Review of guidance on BTMA website

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Some participants reported difficulty in finding the guidance on the new website.	Graham to consider improved "signage".
Several participants regretted the loss of the possibility to download guidance as a pdf file.	Graham to explore re-instating this functionality once the guidance is finalised.
Ali asked whether the Truck tyre damage fact sheets were finalised. In particular re the ambiguity of the phrase "Use tyres under the recommended air pressure and load."	Graham to pursue and rectify as appropriate.

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- National Tyre Distributors Association • Tyre Recovery Association

Regrooving patterns: regarding simplified access, Ali pointed out that DVSA also had need to access this information.	Graham to pursue improved access.
Tyre service life: need to update guidance once age limit legislation is adopted. Also, to include photo showing more recent DOT code.	Graham to make diary note for November.
Mixing Summer and All-season tyres.	Steve Howat to propose wording.
Review of guidance previously contained in Position statements.	Amendments proposed by email prior to the meeting were reviewed. Adopted changes will be reflected in website.

7. New tyre labelling regulation / product database

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Implementation of the new tyre labelling regulation 2020/740. In particular, the availability of the new product database and the potential for co-habitation of new and old labels in the market leading to a need for a temporary derogation. The uncertainty created by Brexit was also highlighted.	The need was clear for a shared understanding between industry, DfT and DVSA (enforcement agency) of the ramifications of the change. Graham to pursue a round-table meeting in September by which time the product database is scheduled to be up and running.

8. Any other urgent business

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Tyre age ban. The recent announcement was briefly commented.	Noted.

Date and venue of next meeting: 8th December starting at 10:30 venue TBC