

**Tyre Manufacturers' Technical Advisory Committee**

**Minutes of the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 by video-conference**

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| <b>Present</b>       |                    |                      |                           |                |             |
| Chris Baxter         | <i>Hankook</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> |
| Gary Powell          | <i>Bridgestone</i> | Nigel Winfield       | <i>Pirelli</i>            |                |             |
| Shaun Martin         | <i>DVSA</i>        | Andrew Sefton        | <i>DVSA</i>               | Simon Smith    | <i>DVSA</i> |
| <b>Apologies</b>     |                    |                      |                           |                |             |
| Alan Meaker          | <i>Toyo</i>        | Vincent Bezard       | <i>Cooper Tire Europe</i> | Dave Wood      | <i>DVSA</i> |
| <b>In attendance</b> |                    |                      |                           |                |             |
| Graham Willson       | <i>BTMA</i>        |                      |                           |                |             |

**1. Welcome and housekeeping matters**

| <i>Discussion</i>   | <i>Decision</i> |
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| Graham welcomed participants to the call, in particular Simon Smith and Shaun Martin from DVSA. | Noted.          |

**2. Compliance statement**

| <i>Discussion</i>  | <i>Decision</i>  |
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| 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021**

| <i>Discussion</i>  | <i>Decision</i>                        |
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| Review of the minutes of the meeting held 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021. | The minutes were approved unanimously. |

**4. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda**

| <i>Discussion</i>  | <i>Decision</i> |
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| Graham reported that the Consumer guide to tyre complaints and the Code of practice for handling tyre complaints had been updated following adoption of proposed amendments circulated following discussion at the previous meeting. | Noted.          |

**5. Website analytics**

| <i>Discussion</i>  | <i>Decision</i> |
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| Graham reported that Q1 traffic on the BTMA website had increased by 180% year on year. Visits to "Advice about tyres" had increased by 162% over the same period. | Noted.          |

**6. Guidance re van tyres**

| <i>Discussion</i>   | <i>Decision</i>   |
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| The points highlighted in yellow in the draft document were addressed. DVSA contributed valuable comments and corrections. In response to the question of who might endorse the document via a foreword it was suggest that the police or DVSA might be suitable. | It was agreed to remove all references to retreading. Agreed amendments are incorporated in the latest draft of the guide issued with these minutes as is draft content regarding tyre valves and towing. |

## 7. BSI AUE4 meeting

| <i>Discussion</i>  | <i>Decision</i>   |
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| <p>Gary reported proceedings at the recent meeting of the BSI AUE4 committee. Committee membership is being updated with the ambition of including representatives from the wheel &amp; valve sectors. An initial work plan has been adopted. Gary has agreed to attend the ISO TC31 committee meetings. The next AUE4 meeting is scheduled 21<sup>st</sup> May.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Those interested in joining AUE4 should contact Gary directly.</p> |

## 8. Any other urgent business: none

**Date of next meeting on van tyre guidance: 20<sup>th</sup> May 15:00 – 16:00.**