



Tyre Manufacturers' Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes of the meeting held 25th February 2021 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>	Nigel Winfield	<i>Pirelli</i>
Apologies					
Chris Baxter	<i>Hankook</i>	Alan Meaker	<i>Toyo</i>	Gerry Murphy	<i>ITMA</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.	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 27th January 2021

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Review of the minutes of the meeting held 27 th January 2021.	The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

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

5. LCV fleet demographic

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham presented key demographics: >60% of LCV fleet is 2.5 – 3.5 tonnes, Minibuses represent only 2% of the LCV fleet 47% of the fleet is company-registered: >2.1 million private owners.	The high level of private ownership was recognised to be a communication challenge.

6. DVSA data

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham compared DVSA roadside prohibition data for HGV and LCV. For HGV the leading cause was tyre damage whilst for LCV it was tread wear. Wear, under-inflation and damage account for 93% of van tyre-related roadside prohibitions.	Noted.

Constituent Associations:

- British Tyre Manufacturers' Association
- Imported Tyre Manufacturers Association
- National Tyre Distributors Association
- Tyre Recovery Association

7. Proposed scope and approach

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham confirmed the absence in the market of “technical” guidance re van tyres.	Agreement to pursue a lightweight check-list aimed at owner-operators and a more comprehensive guide aimed at fleet operators.

8. Next steps

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Topics for inclusion in the van tyre check-list were discussed: The issues of trailer tyres, customisation and second-hand tyres / ageing were discussed.	Agreement to revisit the topic of towing (not just trailer tyres) once the main van-related text is drafted. Agreement to cover customisation under “selecting the right tyre”.

9. Adaptation of Guide to CV tyre management to LCV application

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Participants worked through the HGV document identifying topics for removal or amendment.	Graham to circulate first draft based on agreed amendments.

10. Any other urgent business: none

Date and venue of next meeting: 23rd March 10:00 – 12:00 on Teams.