



Tyre Manufacturers' Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes of the meeting held 8th December 2020 by video-conference

Present					
Chris Baxter	<i>Hankook</i>	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>	Gary Powell	<i>Bridgestone</i>	Nigel Winfield	<i>Pirelli</i>
Apologies					
Alan Meaker	<i>Toyo</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 Alan Meaker.	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 16th July 2020

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Review of the minutes of the meeting held 16 th July 2020.	The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

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

5. Tyre labelling regulations

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham reported the recent adoption of enforcement powers and gave a brief summary of the impact of the new labelling regulation. He outlined the UK plan for a digital transition for tyres in the supply chain on 1 st May. The uncertainties regarding the timing of roll-out in GB were explored.	Graham to share the outcome of the industry meeting with DfT scheduled 16 th December.

6. Report from truck tyre task force

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham reported that the updated Guide to tyre management and maintenance on heavy vehicles was launched 2 nd December. Also, that the jointly-prepared photographic guidance to heavy vehicle tyre condition would be published imminently by DVSA. Graham reported constructive dialogue with FORS re the alignment of FORS guidance with the revised Guide.	Noted.

Constituent Associations:

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

7. Review of guidance on BTMA website

Discussion	Decision
Graham invited contributions of images to illustrate the existing text. The need for guidance regarding tyres on electric vehicles was explored, in particular the correct specification of replacement tyres.	Agreement to include the topic in the 2021 work plan.

8. Tyre and Road Wear Particles

Discussion	Decision
Graham gave a brief overview of recent research by the UK Committee for the Medical Effects of Air Pollution and by Highways England, both reassuring regarding the potential impacts of TRWP. He also commented the latest news regarding 6PPD quinone.	Noted.

9. BSI update

Discussion	Decision
Gary reported at an update of committee membership was in progress and that he intended to poll committee members regarding their expectations of and ambitions for the committee.	Participants welcomed the long-overdue update of BSI committee membership.

10. Review of 2020 work plan

Discussion	Decision
Graham reviewed the delivery of the 2020 plan. Steve Howat reported that the Ag tyre inflation project was still "live", although delayed.	Participants considered that the achievements were particularly satisfactory, given the adverse circumstances.

11. Review of constitution and election of chair

Discussion	Decision
Steve Morris' 2-year term as chairman had reached its end. The functioning of the committee was also considered.	Steve was re-elected for a further 2-years. No amendments to the constitution were proposed. Participants considered that the committee continued to meet a need and that its functioning was appropriate.

12. 2021 work plan and meeting calendar

Discussion	Decision
Graham presented an outline work plan for 2021, supported by information regarding Highways England's 5-year Tyre strategy. Also, an overview of factors to be considered in relation to the proposal for a guide to van tyre husbandry.	Plan adopted with the addition of a review of the scope of guidance and of guidance re tyre fitment particularly for EVs. Agreement to schedule 4 meetings in 2021: 27th January, 23rd March, 15th July & 7th December.

13. Any other urgent business

Discussion	Decision
Graham shared an illustration from DVSA of the value to enforcement of the integration of the ANPR camera network, achieved last year.	Noted.

Date and venue of next meeting: 27th January 10:00 – 12:00 on Teams.



TTAC 2021 work plan

08-Dec-20

Subject	Delivery				Cat	Partners
	Q1'21	Q2'21	Q3'21	Q4'21		
Guide to van tyre management					Van	DVSA, HE, Logistics UK, etc
Review scope of guidance: motorcycle, motorhomes, etc					Car	
Guidance re replacement tyre fitment, particularly on EVs					Ag	HSE, NTDA?, NFU?
Ag tyre inflation procedure					CV	DVSA
Review DVSA heavy commercial vehicle inflation policy					All	DVSA
Develop partner relations with HE & FORS					All	Highways England, FORS