



Tyre Manufacturers' Technical Advisory Committee

Truck tyre task force

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

Present					
Alistair Brown	<i>GiTi</i>	Rob Blurton	<i>Michelin</i>	Steve Howat	<i>Continental</i>
Steve Morris	<i>Goodyear</i>	Gary Powell	<i>Bridgestone</i>		
Steve Cope	<i>DVSA</i>				
Apologies					
Chris Baxter	<i>Hankook</i>	Dave Wood	<i>DVSA</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 as above.	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 3rd November 2020

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
The minutes of the last meeting, held 3 rd November, were reviewed.	The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
The Guide to tyre management and maintenance on heavy vehicles was launched 2 nd December.	Graham to check with Operator associations that the revised Guide is available on their websites. Dave Wood was thanked for steering the introduction to the Guide through the Traffic Commissioners. Graham to poll member interest in hard copies of the guide.

5. Photographic guidance to support DVSA Guide to Defect Categorisation

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Steve Cope reported that the draft was expected back from the Gov.uk team the afternoon of the 8 th with publication scheduled for 9 th December. The possible availability of the information in poster format was raised.	Industry representatives expressed the desire to review the document before publication if possible. Steve Cope indicated that DVSA no longer produced posters. Graham to explore the possibilities, perhaps in association with the operator associations.

Constituent Associations:

• British Tyre Manufacturers' Association • Imported Tyre Manufacturers Association • Tyre Recovery Association

6. Planned DVSA communications re tyre guidance and standards

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Steve Cope indicated that the Guide to Maintaining Roadworthiness would be updated imminently with the categorisation of defects, annual test and MOT inspection manuals following in January. Steve also set out the penalty policy relating to the tyre age rules.	Noted.

7. Planning for proposed van guide

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Steps necessary to inform the development of a guide to van tyre husbandry were discussed.	Agreement that understanding the context, target audience(s), etc was a crucial precondition to the definition of what to develop, if anything.

8. Any Other Business

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Ali Brown raised the question of FRT tyres.	Steve Cope replied that the question was pending response from DfT.

Date of next meeting

A meeting to discuss the proposed guide to van tyre husbandry is provisionally scheduled 27th January 10:00 – 12:00 by video-conference.