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**Minutes of the meeting of the BTMA retread committee held on
 14th September 2021 by video-conference**

Present:					
Chris Baxter	<i>Hankook Tyre UK Ltd</i>	Dan Edwards	<i>Bulldog Remoulds Ltd</i>	Justin Holloway	<i>Bandvulc</i>
Tony Smithson	<i>T&N Supplies</i>	Noreen Taylor	<i>T&N Supplies</i>		
Apologies:					
Dave Johnson	<i>Michelin Tyre plc</i>	Azeem Khan	<i>Michelin Tyre plc</i>		
In attendance:					
Graham Willson	<i>BTMA Chief Executive</i>				

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham welcomed participants to the call, particularly Tony Smithson and Noreen Taylor from T&N Supplies. Apologies were received as above.	Noted.

2. Compliance statement

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham reminded members of their responsibilities under the BTMA Competition law compliance guidelines.	Members agreed to abide by the requirements of the guidelines.

3. Minutes of the meeting held 18th May 2021

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
The minutes of the meeting held 18 th May were reviewed.	The minutes were validated unanimously.

4. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda: none

5. Tariffs on international casing movements

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham reported that an application for a temporary suspension of import duties for retreaders has been accepted. Government due process will run until the end of the year before a decision can be expected.	Noted.

6. BEIS Product Value Retention study

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham reported engagement with Brighton University and Oakdene Hollins, both engaged by BEIS to inform analysis of the potential for growth and opportunities to support innovation in the remanufacturing sector.	Noted.

7. Labelling for retreads

Discussion	Decision
Graham outlined the regulatory context. Timing is subject to the availability of an appropriate test method. It appears that regulatory change may be delayed beyond the June '22 target. Consequently, implementation on the ground looks unlikely before mid '23.	Noted.

8. Casing supply chain working party

Discussion	Decision
A description of the casing supply chain prepared for the working party and distributed before the meeting was reviewed. Graham proposed a high-level summary in a 3-column table. Participants highlighted the possibility for tyres to move from one market sector to another in pursuit of their optimum recovery outcome.	The description and summary table were both approved.
The basis of the current limit of retreading a tyre 3 times was questioned. In exploring the issue, the future opportunity of establishing the residual casing fatigue life via an intelligent RFID chip was identified.	Introduction of such technology in new tyres is still some years off.

9. Proposal for retread policy study

Discussion	Decision
Graham outlined a proposal to engage external consultants to advise on policy opportunities to support retreading under a future tyres EPR scheme.	Participants supported the proposal and the use of the 'RMA inheritance' to part-fund it.

10. 2021 Activity plan

Discussion	Decision
Graham provided an update on delivery of the activity plan. See Annex.	Noted.

11. Any other urgent business: none

Date of next meeting: 16th November – 10:30 – 12:30



BTMA retread committee work plan 2021

14-Sep-21

Subject	Delivery				Comment
	Q1'21	Q2'21	Q3'21	Q4'21	
5-year retread strategy					
Message re COP26 / decarbonisation / Forest products					Messages in preparation
Define & promote preferred future regulation of casing trade					WP launched. External study in prep.
Engage DfT re improved tyre stewardship in smaller fleets					Dialogue initiated
Engage BEIS / Defra re retailer & customer behaviour change					WPP & Product Value Retention
Engage DfT / Defra re tyres-as-a-service (data access, etc)					Dialogue initiated
Communication					
Review participation at Trade events. Consider retread event					Maintain under review
Reduce regulatory burden for retreaders					
Avoid unduly onerous environmental permitting for retreaders					Gov't consultation responses pending
Relief from Climate Change Levy for retreaders					
Collate member data once future eligibility criteria are known					Waiting eligibility criteria
Build case around RWS, decarbonisation, forest products, etc					
Deliver message in function of CCA strategic review					
Collation & presentation of UK retread data					
Collate & anonymise annual production data					GW to poll members