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**Minutes of the meeting of the BTMA retread committee held on  
 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 by phone conference**

<b>Present:</b>					
Mike Cole	<i>Michelin Tyre plc</i>	Dan Collins	<i>TTS</i>	Dan Edwards	<i>Bulldog Remoulds Ltd</i>
Tim Hercock	<i>Vaculug Technologies</i>	Justin Holloway	<i>Bandvulc</i>	Azeem Khan	<i>Michelin Tyre plc</i>
<b>In attendance:</b>					
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. The slide deck for the meeting was distributed to participants beforehand.	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 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
The minutes of the meeting held 9 <sup>th</sup> January were reviewed.	The minutes were validated unanimously.

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

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

**5. Brexit implications**

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
<p><b>New tyre labelling regulation:</b> Comes into force post-Jan 2021 so adoption subject to gov't decision. DfT recognises interest of maintaining alignment.</p> <p><b>Retread labelling:</b> Implementation subject to methodology definition. Scope is labelling classes only. No plans yet for minimum requirements.</p> <p><b>Statutory requirement for Reg 108, 109 compliance post Brexit:</b> is already covered in 2003 amendment of Motor Vehicle Tyres Safety regs.</p> <p><b>DIT consultation on general tariff:</b> DIT confirmed proposal does not impact on specific trade remedies that have been carried forward for review by Trade Remedies Investigation Directorate. BTMA response highlights need for consideration of impact of trade on UK net-zero CO2 commitment.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Graham to clarify timing. <i>Post-meeting update: implementation unlikely before 2022.</i></p>

## 6. Government engagement

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
<p><b>DfT tyre age limit consultation:</b> Recent parliamentary written response indicates “Impact Assessment” expected in “Spring”.</p> <p><b>BEIS interest in remanufacturing:</b> Officials receptive at recent meeting. BEIS enquiry / Call for evidence in preparation.</p> <p><b>Defra Waste Prevention Plan:</b> New official receptive at recent meeting. Consultation / Call for evidence on proposed WPP expected June.</p> <p><b>DfT freight CO<sub>2</sub> reduction / improved roadworthiness / message to COP26:</b> Interest in suggestion of obligation on fuel suppliers to support energy-saving measures on existing heavy vehicles.</p> <p><b>EA Standard rules permit consultation:</b> EA have proposed to Defra to maintain exemption for small retreaders.</p> <p><b>Crown Commercial Service:</b> Constructive dialogue over renewal of tyre supply framework contract – thinking includes PPK contracts.</p>	Noted.

## 7. Unintended consequence of revised Road Transport Fuel Obligation

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
<p>RTFO was revised by DfT in 2018 to incentivise new fuel-from-waste technologies – “Development fuels” – by up to £1.60 per litre of dev’t fuel. Several projects in pipeline using end-of-life tyres as feedstock: Only fuel derived from tyres with renewable content is eligible. Would lead to a £30 bounty price on an end-of-life truck tyre &gt;&gt; incentive for single-life tyres. Measure does require consideration of waste hierarchy in relation to eligibility for incentive but doesn’t address upstream choice of which tyre to purchase. Graham has highlighted policy conflict to Defra.</p>	Graham to pursue issue with DfT and Defra.

## 8. SMMT remanufacturing group

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
<p>Mike reported back on recent activity including a plenary meeting convened by Oakdene Hollins and a call with Defra on the Waste Prevention Plan. Next steps in collaboration with SMMT were discussed.</p>	Continued collaboration with SMMT remains relevant but direct BTMA intervention with gov’t remains first priority.

## 9. Communication priorities

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
<p>Graham reviewed the context: “Red wall” constituencies following recent elections, COP26, background noise of Brexit process, &amp; the TRWP debate. Beside engagement with officials, what should be our political message?</p>	Target audience not receptive during Covid19 crisis. Graham to develop proposal for next meeting.

## 10. 2020 activity plan

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
<p>Graham presented a status update of the activity plan. See annex.</p>	Noted.

## 11. Any other urgent business

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
<p>Graham highlighted recent reporting in the trade press regarding the impact of countervailing measures on Chinese truck tyre imports. Also, the budget announcement of the level of the recycled plastics tax.</p> <p>Tim and Justin reported visits by local EA officers re Fire Prevention Plans.</p> <p>Tim raised the issue of representation at Bipaver for the remainder of 2020.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Tim agreed to continue at Bipaver until end 2020 as honorary RMA chairman.</p>

12. **Date and venue of next meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> May by conference call.

**Annex**



**BTMA retread committee work plan 2020**

13-Mar-20

Subject	Delivery				Comment
	Q1'20	Q2'20	Q3'20	Q4'20	
<b>5-year retread strategy</b>					
BEIS Remanufacturing initiative (retailer vested interest)					Call for evidence in preparation
Regulatory level playing field (End of Waste & age limit)					Age limit announcement "Spring"
Improved product stewardship (inflation, husbandry, skills)					Gaining traction with DfT
Engaging with smaller fleets (business models, tech, etc)					Traffic Commissioners receptive
<b>Communication</b>					
Consider communication of 5-year plan to other stakeholders					WPP consultation response
Review revised website content					Pending
Retread Forum: objective, target audience, speakers, venue, etc.					Pending
Review impact of countervailing duties 18 months on					Data collection in progress
Communication to gov't, NGOs, etc re tyre service contracts					Part of holistic response to WPP
<b>Reduce regulatory burden for retreaders</b>					
Light-weight environmental regulation for small retreaders					In progress
Avoid requirement for financial guarantees under env. permit					Awaiting consultation
<b>Relief from Climate Change Levy for retreaders</b>					
Refine member energy data					Pending
Build case around Resource & Waste strategy, etc					Part of holistic response to WPP
Deliver message in function of CCA strategic review					CCA2 extended to March 2025
<b>Collation &amp; presentation of UK retread data</b>					
Collate and report Health and Safety data					Pending
Collate & anonymise annual production data					In progress