



Minutes of the meeting held 21st July 2022 by Teams video-conference

Present					
Chris Baxter	<i>Hankook</i>	Rob Blurton	<i>Michelin</i>	Alistair Brown	<i>GiTi</i>
Steve Howat	<i>Continental</i>	Steve Morris	<i>Goodyear</i>	Gerry Murphy	<i>ITMA</i>
Gary Powell	<i>Bridgestone</i>	Nigel Winfield	<i>Pirelli</i>		
Apologies					
Vincent Bezard	<i>Cooper Tire Europe</i>	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, in particular guest speaker Mark Cartwright from National Highways. 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. Mark Cartwright – National Highways

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
<p>Mark is Head of Commercial Vehicle Incident Prevention at National Highways. NH data show that tyre-related incidents are second only to insecure loads.</p> <p>Mark spoke of the work of his team in seeking to understand and influence CV driver behaviour in support of incident prevention. In this respect there are strong links between the activity of Mark's team and the Driving for Better Business initiative, also run by National Highways. Mark acknowledged that whilst NH was good at creating communication resources, it was challenging to reach large parts of the targeted audience.</p> <p>Mark also spoke of initial experience gained from the deployment of a mobile drive-through laser tyre reader installation, available on loan from NH to operators of large van fleets. This had highlighted the generally parlous condition of tyres on the vehicles of independent 'final mile' delivery operators and, on owned fleets, the widespread failure to maintain tyre inflation to policy.</p> <p>Finally, Mark spoke of using the 'power of procurement' of large companies to drive through improved standards of vehicle maintenance on their contractor's vehicles.</p>	<p>Graham thanked Mark for his informative intervention and looked forward to continuing collaborative relations with National Highways.</p> <p>Regarding guidance materials aimed at van drivers, Graham to pursue with National Highways innovative opportunities for dissemination eg via builder's merchant chains, Screwfix, Toolstation and the like.</p>

4. Minutes of last meetings held 12th April 2022

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Review of the minutes of the meetings held 12 th April 2022.	The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda - none

6. DVSA guide to automotive recalls

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham reported activity since the last meeting. Progress has been slow due to limited DVSA availability.	Noted.

Regarding the practicalities of managing recalls, Steve Howat asked whether a central 'catch-all' email address could be provided by DVSA to facilitate communications. In the past all communication was channelled via Alison Martin.	Steve Cope to pursue and revert.
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7. DVSA position re FRT tyres

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Steve Cope reported the decision to make fitting an FRT tyre to a steer axle a major fail at annual test. The MOT Inspection Manual will be updated Easter 2023, giving operators 6 months' notice of the change. If the defect is found at roadside inspection, an inspection notice will be issued.	Members welcomed the change.

8. Amendments to guidance on BTMA website

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham reported that the amendments agreed at the previous meeting had been implemented on the website.	Noted.

9. Potential new guidance

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Tyre shelf-life: members re-iterated the impossibility of providing reassurance regarding tyre storage conditions at distributors / retailers.	Members agreed to 'park' the topic, recognising that it was not possible to provide a substantive response.
CV tyre repairs and in-situ fitting: discussion centred on the use of tyre filler.	Provide guidance that the use of tyre filler does not constitute a repair. Only appropriately specified material should be employed and its use restricted to cosmetic improvement. Guidance to point to the CV tyre guide.
Alloy Gators: members had no evidence of in-service problems arising from the use of these aftermarket rim protectors.	No action.

10. BSI update

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Gary reported the fusion of AUE3 (Tyre repairs) and AUE4 (Tyres, valves and rims) committees and gave a report of the recent committee meeting.	Noted.

11. Activity of DVSA Market Surveillance Unit

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham reported recent 'mystery shopper' enforcement activities regarding retailer communication of tyre labelling information and the compliance of part-worn tyres with applicable regulations.	Noted.

12. 2022 committee activity plan

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham reported progress against the 2022 activity plan. See annex.	Noted.

13. Any other urgent business

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham reported an enquiry from DVSA regarding compliance with the Motor Vehicle Tyres (Safety) Regulations of plug (string) repairs to part-worn tyres. Graham reported the reasoned response provided to DVSA that such repairs were not compliant.	Noted.

Date and venue of next meeting:

6th December 10:30 – 12:30 at the offices of Continental Tyre Group, Rugby.

Annex: TTAC 2022 Activity plan



TTAC 2022 work plan

21-Jul-22

Subject	Delivery			Cat	Comments
	T1'22	T2'22	T3'22		
Consider guidance re tyre dressings					Published
Receive report of NH van tyre measurement campaign					Planned 21st July
Review existing guidance on BTMA website					Completed
Consider guidance re shelf life, service life, warranty, etc					Ongoing
Support 5-yearly review of relevant British Standards					Ongoing
Invite DVSA to review PSV/HGV priority tyre-related issues					
Meeting dates	12-Apr	21-Jul	06-Dec		