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India's position on Sidewall marking on tyres

Approval Marking:

1. Mandating "ISI" marking on tyres used in India is under consideration. A final notification is awaited.
2. "ISI" marking is exclusive for indicating compliance to the Indian National Standards prepared and published by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). As per the prevailing Indian law, "ISI" marking cannot be used to indicate compliance to any other standard or regulation other than those made by BIS.
3. India understands that the situation would be very similar to other national markings such as DOT marking or ECE R marking.
4. India is keenly looking forward to the proposal for the rationalized sidewall marking for compliance to GTR from Informal Group headed by JATMA.

Sidewall markings currently applicable in India:

1. Manufacturer's name or trade name
2. The tyre size designation
3. An identification of the structure (e.g. radial, cross ply)
4. Speed category symbol
5. Load capacity index OR Max. load carrying capacity & ply rating
6. The word "TUBELESS" (if applicable)
7. Week & year code OR month & Year code of manufacture
8. Inscription of M+S or M.S or M & S (if applicable)
9. Appropriate letters for marking for tyres for the speed above 300 km/h
10. Max permissible tyre pressure (in kPa or bar or kg/cm²)
11. Inscription of word "REGROOVABLE" or symbol "U" (if applicable)
12. TWI – min 6/4 places (as applicable)
13. Manufacturer's code (optional)
14. ISI marking */ (Mandatory for those opting for ISI license)

**/ ISI marking will become mandatory after final notification, as per para 1 above, is issued by the Government of India.*
