

Snow tyres provisions - status report

Submitted by the group of interested experts (GOIE) from
Finland, Germany, Japan, Norway, Russian Federation, Sweden,
BIPAVER, ETRTO and OICA

Activities related to this subject since 71st session of GRBP

- Presentation of the concept of Special Use tyres classified as tyre in severe snow conditions to the European Commission-Working Group on Motor Vehicles (MVWG) on 12th February 2020.
- Meeting (Webex) of interested experts, May 7th 2019 (11:00 – 12:00) hosted by ETRTO; attended by delegations of Finland, Germany, Japan, Norway, Russian Federation, Sweden, BIPAVÉR, ETRTO and OICA.

Activities related to this subject since 71st session of GRBP

- As endorsed by GRBP in the 71st session a new Task Force has been established for drafting new “Regulation on Uniform provisions concerning the approval of studded tyres with regard to snow performance”.
- The first two meetings of the Task Force on Studded Tyres took place by Webex in May and September 2020.

Outcome of the Presentation to MVWG

- The Commission experts clarified that the introduction of new tyres categories and change of performance limits in the applicable Regulation (EC) No 661/2009 has to undergo the ordinary legislative procedure, although the technical rationale of the request is well understood. Therefore, in spite of the GRBP work on amending R117 correspondingly, the EC would not accede to such an amendment under the current EU legislation. This would be made possible when the Regulation (EU) 2019/2144 would apply.
- GOIE understood, based on the above, that no GRBP Working Document can be considered in GRBP before 2021 sessions, as new EU General Safety regulation (GSR) will be applied in July 2022.
- GOIE agreed to prepare new documentation for consideration in GRBP during 2021 sessions.