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### Task Force on Studded Tyres Status Report to 75th GRBP session

75th GRBP 8.-11. February 2022

# Task Force on Studded Tyres - background

The 71st GRBP -session decided to form this Task Force as GOIE on Snow Tyres had suggested.

- At first the objective of the Task Force was to draft a new UN Regulation for studded tyres with regard to snow grip
  - Chair: Finland
  - Secretary: ETRTO
- An addition was made to the original objective in the 74th GRBP. TF ST will draft also the addition of ice grip procedures into the new Regulation.

All documents of the Task Force are available on the UNECE website for <u>Task Force on Studded Tyres</u>

# Task Force on Studded Tyres -meetings

# TF ST has had eight meetings after it was decided to be formed in 71st GRBP session (January 2020)

- 1st meeting on 20th May 2020
- 2nd meeting on 1st September 2020
- 3rd meeting on 30 October 2020
- 4th meeting on 18th March 2021
- 5th meeting on 11th June 2021
- 6th meeting on 26th August 2021
- 7<sup>th</sup> meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021
  - A proposal for an amendment of the new UN Regulation for studded tyres was discussed. The contents of the proposal were mainly ice grip procedures and -markings.

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- 8th meeting on 25th October 2021
  - ETRTO had found a potential issue regarding the Regulation 117 and Ice Grip Symbol, and therefore wished that proceeding with the new UN Regulation and Ice Grip Marking would be put on hold until this potential issue would be assessed.
  - TF ST agreed to offer ETRTO the time for further assessment and thus postpone submitting the draft of the amendment of the new UN regulation.

### A change in the schedule of task force's work

- The original target of TF ST for submitting and presenting the draft of amendment 1 to the new regulation was set to the 75th GRBP. Due to the extra time given for ETRTO to make the assessment on whether there are issues regarding the ice grip marking, the new objective for presenting the draft amendment will be at the 76<sup>th</sup> GRBP session.
- TF ST Secretary Mr. Jarmo SUNNARI has moved to another work role and consequently the duties of Secretary have been transferred to Ms. Hanna-Mari TIRILÄ

#### Next steps

TF ST will have meeting(s) during this spring (2022), and the aim is to present a working document to the 76th GRBP session (fall of 2022), in which the addition of procedures and requirements for ice grip marking for studded tyres are introduced into the New Regulation as an amendment 1 to the regulation.