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Task Force on Studded Tyres

Status Report to 76th GRBP session

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 performance
 - 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 [Task Force on Studded Tyres](#)

Task Force on Studded Tyres -meetings

TF ST has had nine 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
- 7th meeting on 12th October 2021

Task Force on Studded Tyres -meetings

- 8th meeting on 25th October 2021
- 9th meeting on 12th May 2022
 - The contents of, and some proposed changes regarding the proposal for supplement 01 of the new UN Regulation [164] for studded tyres was discussed. The proposal comprises mainly of the addition of ice grip procedures and -marking.
 - A question regarding whether the document should be a new series of amendments to the Regulation [164] rather than supplement to the original version of the regulation was raised.
 - General Guidelines for United Nations regulatory procedures and transitional provisions in UN Regulations <https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-03/ECE-TRANS-WP29-1044-Rev3e.pdf>
 - Comparing item 23. with items 28. and 29., it was seen that the addition of ice grip procedures should be a supplement to the original Regulation, because there are no new requirements, but more of an extra possibility for manufacturers of studded tyres to test also the ice grip, in case they wish to do so. Whether the ice grip test has been taken and the limit is fulfilled, can be seen if the ice grip marking is added on the tyre sidewall. In addition, the proposal doesn't change the level of stringency of the UN Regulation and does not entail a modification in the approval marking.

Next steps, if any

TF ST has had two main objectives, which were to draft a new regulation regarding the snow grip performance of studded tyres, and later this mandate was broadened into drafting also the addition of ice grip performance into the new regulation.

If the proposal for supplement 1 to the regulation [164] will be accepted at the 76th GRBP session, the TF considers the objectives and tasks to be fulfilled. Therefore, in case the objectives are considered as met, TF ST suggests to end the work of Task Force on Studded Tyres.