Transmitted by the experts of the small group on retreaded tyres

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Small group on retreaded tyre regulation split

Proposal

Background and participants and meetings

- Background: presented with GRBP-76-03
- Participants:
 - France, Netherlands, ETRTO, BIPAVER
- Meetings:
 - 7 June 2022
 - 6 July 2022
 - 14 October 2022
 - 19 December 2022
 - 17 January 2023

27 March 202321 April 20239 June 202324 August 2023

EU retread market at a glance

- Approx. 400 active retreading facilities in EU
- Production Range from 1.500 tyres/year to > 400.000 tyres/year
- Market Shares /replacement: PC < 1%; CV ~ 23% (~4.6 Mio. In 2021)
- Hot/Mould-Cure and Cold/Pre-Cure process (estm. 60:40 ratio)
- Mainly SME-businesses with mostly regionally concentrated
- > 10 retreading system/material providers from all over the world
- Retreading is a perfect example of Circular Economy: A Retreaded CV tyre enable savings.... 70% Ressource extraction – 29% Land use – 24% CO2 emissions – 21 % Air pollution 19% Water consumption ...compared to low-end non-retreadable tyre Source: EY Study « The socio-economic impact of truck tyre retreading in Europe »
- CV Retreading activity in EU: ~ 30.000 employees (mostly SME)

Small Group proposal: concept

| TREAD FEATURES SPECIFICATION | | | | | | TYPE APPROVAL AND CONFORMITY OF PRODUCTION SNOW TESTING | |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|
| PROCESS | TYPE APPROVED PRODUCT | TYPE APPROVAL OWNER | TYPE APPROVAL NUMBER AND 3PMSF MARKING | TREAD PATTERN DESIGN | GREEN TREAD MATERIAL | ALTERNATIVES | RESPONSIBILITY |
| HOT RETREADING | Retreaded tyre produced by using mold cure process | Retreader | Retreader on tyre sidewall | New Tyre manufacturer | Independent . supplier | Testing on tyre retreaded with mold cure process | Retreader (4.4.1.) and (8.2.1.) |
| | | | | | New Tyre | 2. Reference to pre-cured tread material supplier Reg. [X] Type Approval possible if same tread major features 3. Testing on tyre retreaded with pre-cure tread material possible if same tread major features | 1. New Tyre manufacturer (4.4.2.) and (8.2.3.1.) 2. Pre-cured tread material manufacturer (4.4.3.) and (8.2.1.1.) 3. Retreader (4.4.1.) and (6.1. plus footnote 5) and (8.2.1.1.) 4. Retreader (4.4.1.) and (8.2.1.) |
| | | | | independent manufacturer | supplier | | 1. Pre-cured tread material manufacturer (4.4.3.) and (8.2.1.1.) 2. Retreader (4.4.1.) and (6.1. plus footnote 5) and (8.2.1.1.) 3. Retreader (4.4.1.) and (8.2.1.) |
| | | | | | New Tyre manufacturer | Testing on tyre retreaded with mold cure process | Retreader (4.4.1.) and (8.2.1.) |
| | | | | Retreader | independent . supplier | Testing on tyre retreaded with mold cure process | Retreader (4.4.1.) and (8.2.1.) |
| | | | | | New Tyre manufacturer | Testing on tyre retreaded with mold cure process | Retreader (4.4.1.) and (8.2.1.) |
| COLD RETREADING | Pre-cured tread material | tread | | | independent . supplier | Testing on tyre retreaded with pre-cured tread material | Pre-cured tread material manufacturer (4.4.1.) and (8.2.2.) |
| | | | manufacturer on package label | New Tyre manufacturer | New Tyre | 2. Testing on tyre retreaded with mold cure process possible if same tread major features | 1. New Tyre manufacturer (4.4.2.) and (8.2.3.1.) 2. Retreader (4.4.1.) and (6.1. plus footnote 5) and (8.2.1.1.) 3. Pre-cured tread material manufacturer (4.4.1.) and (8.2.2.) |
| | | | | independent manufacturer | | | 1. Pre-cured tread material manufacturer (4.4.1.) and (8.2.2.) 2. Retreader (4.4.1.) and (6.1. plus footnote 5) and (8.2.1.1.) |
| | | | | Retreader | | | 1. Retreader as Pre-cured tread material manufacturer (4.4.1.) and (8.2.2.) 2. Retreader (4.4.1.) and (6.1. plus footnote 5) and (8.2.1.1.) |

<u>Note</u>: in parenthesis are referred the applicable paragraphs of the new Regulation No. [X].

Informal documents and next steps

Small group has prepared 2 Informal Documents:

- New UN Regulation: Uniform provisions concerning the approval of pre-cured tread materials which are used for producing retreaded tyres or the approval of retreaded tyres produced by using mould cure process with regard to their **snow performance**.
- \rightarrow No change in the technical requirements comparing to current UN Regulation 109
- 01 Series of Amendment to UN Regulation 109
 - → <u>rationale</u>: to make the administrative requirements clear after a certain period (with adequate transitional provisions). Similar approach was done for TPMS moved out of R64 → R141.

Next steps

- 01 Series of Amendment to UN Regulation 108 will be prepared in analogy with R109.
- Further investigation on Type definition

Working Documents for consideration during GRBP 79th session.

Thank you for your attention!