Draft Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Task Force on Studded Tyres

May 20, 2020 starting at 8:00 am ending at 3:00 pm CET

1. Welcome and introduction

The Chair welcomed the participants offering general information about the meeting as well as inviting the participants to introduce themselves.

The attendance list is attached to this document.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. The objective of work of the TF on Studded Tyres

The Chair introduced the objective of the Task Force which is to draft a new UN Regulation on the approval of studded tyres regarding their snow performance, an objective endorsed by the GRBP in its 71st Session in January 2020 and nominated the experts from Finland (R. Kinisjärvi) and ETRTO (J. Sunnari) to hold the duties of the Chair and Secretary, respectively.

4. Adoption of the Guidelines for TF on Studded Tyres

The Task Force adopted the Guidelines after amending the timeline (target to present a working document for consideration to GRBP in its 73rd Session in January 2021).

Secretary explained that there are more participants representing one organisation as recommended by the Guidelines because these experts had participated in making the first draft and therefore offered to be present to respond on arising matters.

5. Draft proposal for new regulation

The Task Force examined the draft regulation making some amendments and introducing actions items – attached to this document are:
- list of agreed action items
- amended and commented version of the draft regulation, version 2
- cleaned version of the above-mentioned

6. Time schedule regarding the draft proposal

Time schedule regarding the draft regulation proposal was agreed as the following:
1st session of the GRBP TF meeting on Task Force on Studded Tyres (TF ST), 20th May 2020

1. After the meeting: circulating of the amended and commented draft regulation, together with the list of action items, within the attendants (and with whom had not been able to attend but intent to participate in the future)

2. May 2020: drafting the minutes of the meeting and circulating them as well as adopted Guidelines, attendance list, and cleaned version of the amended and commented draft regulation by uploading them to the TF ST document collection in the UNECE website

3. June-August 2020: Fulfilling the agreed action items according to the list

4. September 2020: 2nd session of the TF ST (1.9.2020), gathering the contributions from finished action items, reviewing the Status Report proposed by the Chair

5. September 2020: Presenting of the Status Report to the GRBP

6. January 2021: Presenting a working document for consideration to the GRBP

7. Date of the next session

Teams-meeting on September 1st, 2020, at 08:00 – 12:00 CET. Link to be provided by the Chair/Secretary.

8. Other business

No other business.

Closure of the meeting.

Attachments:
- Attendance list
- Adopted Guidelines
- List of agreed action items
- Amended and commented version of the draft regulation
- Cleaned version of the draft regulation