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# Task Force on Studded Tyres

## Status Report to 72nd GRBP session

# Task Force on Studded Tyres

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

- The objective of the Task Force is to draft a new UN ECE Regulation for studded tyres with regard to snow grip
  - Chair: Finland
  - Secretary: ETRTO

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 two meetings after it was decided to be formed in 71st GRBP session (Jan 2020)

- 1st meeting was planned to be held on 19th March 2020 in Brussels; this meeting was first postponed to 20th May 2020 and decided to be held in Helsinki. Later on the meeting was changed to online-meeting only.
  - Attendees: Russian Federation, Norway, Spain, Germany, Finland and ETRTO, ARAI (India), KOTMA (Korea), CATARC (China), ITTAC (India)
- 2nd meeting on 1st September 2020, online –meeting only.
  - Attendees: Norway, Germany, Finland and ETRTO, CATARC (China), ITTAC (India)

# Contents of the draft regulation:

- Type approval of studded tyres regarding their snow grip.
  - Tyres that are out of the scope of R117
- Tyres of classes C1, C2 and C3
  - Category of use: snow or special
  - Studdable tyres out of scope
  - Specific clause on the possibility of Contracting Parties to permanently, temporarily or conditionally prohibit the use of, or impose additional requirements for, studded tyres.
- Performance requirements and test specifications as in Reg. 117.
  - Snow grip only
  - Tests shall be performed without studs
- Markings on tyres:
  - The "Snow Grip Marking" (also known as "Alpine Symbol" and "3-peak-mountain-snowflake")
    - The possibility to use this marking in studded tyres still to be confirmed.
    - The "Snow Grip Marking" is essential for the contents of this Regulation, as the initial purpose for drafting the Regulation was to allow the marking to be used on studded tyres.
  - Approval mark and -number
  - Marking of Studded Tyre (a symbol and/or the text "STUDED" to indicate that the studded tyre has been approved according to the said Regulation

# Time schedule

- The schedule set for the proposed TF by GOIE on snow tyres -meeting in November 2019 was to present a working document, a draft of the new UN/ECE Regulation, for the 72nd GRBP session. Due to the coronavirus –situation, the 1st session was postponed in the spring, and therefore the deadline for working documents this June couldn't be reached.
- The corrected schedule is to present a working document in the 73rd GRBP session, in January 2021. The final draft of the new Regulation is targeted to be ready in October 2020.

# Next steps

- In order to finalize the draft in time, the 3rd meeting is planned to be held on October 30th 2020 (online only), final changes to the draft to be approved.

**THANK YOU!**