Draft guidelines
for
GRBP Task Force on Studded Tyres (TF ST)
under the 1958 Agreement

Adopted by GRBP Task Force on Studded Tyres (TF ST)
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at its 1st meeting, update proposal made at the 6th TFST -meeting.

A. Introduction

1. Following the 71st GRBP session, this document establishes Guidelines for the work of the Task Force on Studded Tyres under the 1958 Agreement.

2. The objective of the Task Force is to draft a new UN Regulation on the approval of studded tyres regarding their snow performance. The objective of the Task Force is further broadened to include procedures and requirements for ice grip marking also.

B. Objective of Task Force on Studded Tyres

1. The Task Force shall draft and propose a new UN Regulation on the approval of studded tyres regarding their snow performance requirements. The Task Force shall propose an amendment to the new UN Regulation, adding procedures and requirements on approval for ice grip of studded tyres.

2. The scope of the new Regulation shall be studded tyres in classes C1, C2, C3. Studded tyres shall be defined in the new Regulation.

3. The Task Force shall, where appropriate, develop in the future amendments to this Regulations to adapt to the technical development of studded tyres and their test methods.

4. The Task Force shall report to GRBP.

C. Rules of Procedure

1. The Task Force is open to all participants of GRBP. However, it is recommended that a maximum of two technical experts per country and organization participate in this group. Task Force will be chaired by Finland (Ms. Reetta Kinisjärvi). ETRTO (Mr. Jarmo Sunnari) shall act as Secretary.

2. The working language will be English.

3. All documents and/or proposals must be submitted to the Secretary of Task Force in a suitable electronic format at least one week before the session.

4. An agenda and the latest draft document will be circulated to all members of Task Force in advance of all scheduled meetings.

5. All Task Force documentation will be made available on the dedicated UNECE website.

6. The Task Force decisions will be reached by consensus. When consensus cannot be reached, the Task Force Chairman shall present the different points of view to GRBP and seek guidance from GRBP as appropriate.

D. Timeline

1. The original timeline as agreed by the Group of Interested Experts on 3PMSF on Nov 5th, 2019 (a working document for consideration during the 72nd GRBP in September 2020) was amended by postponing the working document for consideration during the 73rd GRBP in January 2021. A revised working document is presented for consideration during the 74th GRBP in September 2021, and the addition of ice grip marking procedures into the New Regulation shall be presented as a working document during the 75th GRBP in January 2022.