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Task Force on Studded Tyres Status Report to 74th 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
- **As an update to the original objective, the Task Force is suggesting to draft 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 six 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
 - Final changes were made to the draft text. The Task Force decided to place the subsequent draft as a Working Document to the 73rd UNECE GRBP session.
- 4th meeting on 18th March 2021
 - Possibilities for alternative snow grip marking specifically for studded tyres were discussed, and it was decided, that the marking that is going to be added to the working document of the draft regulation, should be discussed and agreed with the experts that had raised questions regarding the snow grip marking.

Task Force on Studded Tyres -meetings

- 5th meeting on 11th June 2021
 - The Task Force decided on the design of the snow grip marking, and some other changes that were made to the draft of the new regulation.
 - TFST also agreed on adding ice grip procedures into the new regulation, if possible at this point as a working document or at least to suggest the idea to GRBP 74th session with an informal document.
- 6th meeting on 26th August 2021
 - The contents of the informal documents for the 74th GRBP –session were discussed and agreed.
 - TF had some further conversation regarding the proposal of adding ice grip marking and the procedures in to the new Regulation.

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
 - Includes a 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 in studded form
- Markings on tyres:
 - "Snow Grip Marking for Studded Tyres" and text "STUDED" to indicate that the studded tyre has been approved according to the said Regulation
 - Approval mark and -number

Next steps

Depending on the reception the revised Draft Regulation receives at the 74th GRBP session, and if the broadening of the objective of the Task Force on Studded Tyres, regarding ice grip procedures is agreed, the TF ST will proceed its work.

In this case, TF ST is going to present a working document to the 75th GRBP session in January 2022, in which the addition of procedures and requirements of ice grip marking are introduced into the New Regulation.