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agenda item 1)

UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF TYRES WITH REGARD TO ROLLING SOUND EMISSIONS

Proposals from the United Kingdom for amendments to Document TRANS/WP.29/2002/7

The United Kingdom wishes to make the following submission for amendments to Document TRANS/WP.29/2002/7, Rolling Sound Emission from Tyres.

Paragraph 2.7

Existing text:

"Tyres designed for competition" means tyres, intended to be fitted only on racing vehicles and intended only for use on official racing tracks.

Proposed text:

"Tyres designed for competition" means tyres intended to be fitted on vehicles involved in motor sport competition and not intended for non-competitive on-road use.

Justification: The definition needs expanding as there are forms of competition in addition to racing circuits, for example rallying, which may involve competitive use on sections of road.

Paragraph 12. INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

Existing text:

- 12.1. As from the date of entry into force of this Regulation, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not
- (a) refuse to grant ECE approval for a type of tyre under this Regulation, or
 - (b) refuse to grant national approval for a type of vehicle with respect to its tyres, or
 - (c) refuse the first national registration or entry into service of a new vehicle with respect to its tyres, or
 - (d) prohibit the sale or entry into service of a tyre
if the tyre falls within the scope of this Regulation and complies with the requirements of this Regulation.

Proposed text: (Changes underlined)

- 12.1. As from the date of entry into force of this Regulation, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not:
- (a) refuse to grant ECE approval for a type of tyre under this Regulation, or
 - (b) refuse to grant national approval for a type of vehicle with respect to rolling sound emissions from its tyres, or
 - (c) refuse the first national registration or entry into service of a new vehicle with respect to rolling sound emissions from its tyres, or
 - (d) prohibit the sale or entry into service of a tyre with respect to its rolling sound emissions
if the tyre falls within the scope of this Regulation and complies with the requirements of this Regulation.

Justification: Contracting Parties may have national legislation covering other aspects of tyre performance, for example, compliance with UNECE Regulations 30 or 54 and may refuse type approval or registration on the grounds that tyres do not comply with this other national legislation. The present text reads that they have to accept tyres and vehicles if they comply with rolling sound emissions requirements.

Paragraph 12.5

Existing text:

12.5. Until 30 September 2009, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not require for the sale or entry into service of a replacement tyre which falls within the scope of this Regulation, for it to comply with the requirements of this Regulation.

As from 1 October 2009, a Contracting Party applying this Regulation may refuse to allow the sale or entry into service of a tyre which falls within the scope of this Regulation and which does not meet the requirements of this Regulation.

Proposed text: (Changes underlined)

12.5. As from the dates given below, a Contracting Party applying this Regulation may refuse to allow the sale or entry into service of a tyre which falls within the scope of this Regulation and which does not meet the requirements of this Regulation.

For Class 1 tyres up to 185 section width 1 October 2009

For Class 1 tyres over 185 up to 215 section width 1 October 2010

For Class 1 tyres over 215 section width 1 October 2011

For Class 2 and Class 3 tyres 1 October 2009

Prior to the above dates, Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not require for the sale or entry into service of a replacement tyre which falls within the scope of this Regulation, for it to comply with the requirements of this Regulation.

Justification: The European Union has decided to allow additional time for wider section car tyres to comply with the requirements. The reversal of the paragraph order is to simplify the layout of the item.