

Market Surveillance Action for TYRES 2015 (MSTyr15)

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MSTyr15 is a project funded by the European Union's Horizon2020 Research and Innovation programme with a focus on the labelling of passenger car tyres.

Fifteen market surveillance authorities (MSAs) from the EU and Turkey work together under PROSAFE's coordination to ensure that the regulatory measures for this product are effectively enforced.

The testing activities and market surveillance inspections are progressing according to plan.



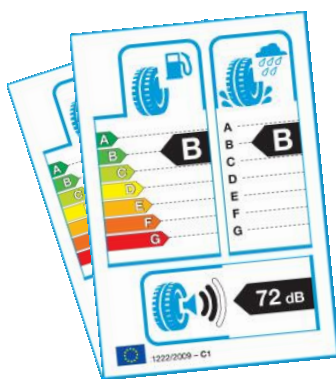
Testing activity

The first laboratory test results for tyres recommended for snow and ice conditions¹ are already available to the MSAs, who are deciding how to act in the cases where non-compliance was detected.

These tyres were tested for rolling resistance and wet grip according to Regulation (EC) No 1222/2009 modified by Regulation (EU) 1235/2011².

In addition, further samples of normal tyres³ were sent to the laboratory and the first test results are being sent to the participants.

Technical documentation and label inspections



The MSAs have started to inspect the technical documentation of tyres, which the suppliers have to make available to authorities upon their request. They are analysing if this documentation is complete and in accordance with the Regulation.

More than half of the intended total of 15.000 Class C1 passenger car tyres has been inspected by now. Two key variables that determine the number of inspections that each participating Member State can carry out are the size and specific conditions of the national markets. As a consequence, some differences may occur amongst the MSAs, but overall the project targets will be achieved.

¹ REGULATION (EC) No 661/2009, Chapter I, Art.3, OJ L200/8, 31.07.2009, p.12: “<snow tyre> means a tyre whose tread pattern, tread compound or structure is primarily designed to achieve in snow conditions a performance better than that of a normal tyre with regard to its ability to initiate or maintain vehicle motion.” Retrieved from <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:200:0001:0024:en:PDF>

² A consolidated version can be found at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1493985219864&uri=CELEX:02009R1222-20120530>

³ Here we refer to tyres for the summer season.

Other news

This Market Surveillance Action for Tyres 2015 is welcoming a new member to its team. Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) has officially joined the MSTyr15 Consortium, making a good start by inspecting 1080 tyres across 60 retailers during May.

The Programme Manager at SEAI responsible for MSTyr15 said: “We’re delighted to be involved in this project as we had intended undertaking labelling inspections independently - it’s much better to be participating in a joint market surveillance exercise. Our involvement in MSTyr15 has meant we’ve been able to take advantage of all the existing knowledge built up by the partnership. We’ve also been able to ‘give back’ by sharing our working methods and experiences”.

SEAI also has responsibility for market surveillance relating to energy labelling and ecodesign, and will be a partner in the forthcoming Horizon 2020 EEPLIANT2 project being managed by PROSAFE.

Furthermore, the duration of the MSTyr15 Action has been extended from 24 to 28 months.

More information about MSTyr15 can be found at: www.mstyr15.eu and on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/MSTyr15>.

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Background information

This information is issued by PROSAFE and the 15 market surveillance authorities representing 14 EU Member States and Turkey. The Action is coordinated by PROSAFE, a non-profit organisation that brings together market surveillance officers from all over Europe and across the world.

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