

## Implementation of Directive 2001/43/EC on new tyres “s” marking

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### ***Introduction***

As from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 all car tyres ( $\leq 185$  mm), van- and truck tyres must have an s-marking in line with EC Directive 2001/43/EC, the rolling sound regulation. We also inform you that as from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 car tyres with a section width of  $> 185 - \leq 215$  mm must have a s-marking and all car tyres with a section width of more than 215 mm as off October 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.

Due to the economical situation and a number of soft winters, European Member States are faced with an important number of tyres in stock without the s-marking. Most of these tyres are compliant with the new Directive. Strictly these tyres cannot ‘enter into service’ (be sold) after October 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.

### **What to do with tyres without the s-marking after October 1<sup>st</sup>?**

**Q: What restrictions does the new Commission/Member States Decision impose?**

**A:** *Only for tyres produced prior to week 40 2009 : these can be sold to the only condition that the tyre is accompanied by a certificate. This certificate summarises the information contained in the test report. The test report has to be produced by an accredited technical service and validated by a type approval authority (not necessarily the original type approval authority). It concerns all relevant tyres with a production date before week 40 of 2009 (DOT 4009). If all conditions are met, no s-marking is required.*

**Q: How is conformity with Directive 2001/43/EC (s-marking) confirmed?**

**A:** *Extract from the tyre manufacturer’s type approval documentation.*

**Q: What should be done with tyres which were produced prior to (“s”) type approval obligation? (e.g. 24.10.2006) (e.g. DOT 3505)?**

**A:** *The tyre manufacturer should check and must ensure that tyres manufactured prior to type testing comply with the type testing standard.*

**Q: What information should the dealer be ready to give to the tyre manufacturers if they ask for a certificate?**

**A:** *Size, type, profile, production date; and if possible, DOT code, sales code or other codes used.*

**Q: How about tyres produced after week 40 of 2009?**

**A:** *All tyres with a production date of week 40 of 2009 and later must have the s-marking.*

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