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

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Introduction
As from October 1st 2009 all car tyres (≤ 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 1st 2010 car tyres with a section width of > 185 - ≤ 215 mm must have a s-marking and all car tyres with a section width of more than 215 mm as off October 1st 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 1st 2009.

What to do with tyres without the s-marking after October 1st?

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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