

## Standardization, end-of-waste criteria and REACH for ELT-derived products: top priorities for the ELT Forum in 2013

**Brussels, 30 November 2012** – The End-of-Life Tyre Forum (ELT Forum) convened on 19 & 20 November 2012 in Brussels to **exchange on common ELT-related technical issues** and **establish its working priorities for 2013**.

Among those identified priorities, **standardization of materials obtained from ELTs**, the development of **end-of-waste criteria for ELT-derived products** as well as **REACH aspects related to recovered ELT products** are top of the list.

As far as REACH is concerned, ETRMA agreed to **expand on the existing REACH Guidelines on Recovered Rubber** and further develop **additional scientific documentation** and **regulatory guidance** to support ELT recovery operators to deal with their REACH obligations related to recovered articles and mixtures, where applicable. In the process of supply chain downstream communication, the common contribution of tyre manufacturers and ELT management companies will be significant.

Useful link:

- ETRMA REACH Guidelines for Recovered Rubber: <http://www.etrma.org/activities/chemicals/reach/guidance-documents>

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The **ELT Forum** is composed of tyre corporate members of ETRMA and of the 14 national ELT management companies set up at the initiative of tyre manufacturers in ETRMA membership to fulfill the Producer Responsibility obligations placed on tyre manufacturers and others in the tyre supply chain by the respective national ELT legislative framework.

- ELT management companies: <http://www.etrma.org/tyres/ELTs/ELT-management/ELT-management-schemes>

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