Labelling of tyres: fuel efficiency and other essential parameters

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The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted the report from Micha BONI (EPP, PL) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the labelling of tyres with respect to fuel efficiency and other essential parameters and repealing Regulation (EC) no 1222/2009.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament's position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the Commission's proposal as follows:

Subject matter

The aim of this Regulation is to promote fuel-efficient, safe and sustainable tyres with low noise levels that could help to minimise the impact on the environment and health while improving safety and the economic efficiency of road transport. It shall apply to C1, C2 and C3 tyres that are placed on the market.

Strengthen labelling regulations

Members considered that improving the labelling of tyres will enable consumers to obtain more relevant and comparable information on fuel efficiency, safety and noise and to take cost-effective and environment-friendly purchasing decisions when purchasing new tyres.

Suppliers shall ensure that C1, C2 and C3 tyres placed on the market are accompanied, free of charge, by a printed label in accordance with Annex II for each individual tyre.

In relation to tyres advertised or sold on the internet, suppliers shall make the label available and ensure in purchasing situation that the label is visibly displayed in proximity to the price and that the product information sheet can be accessed. The label may be displayed using a nested image, after a mouse click, mouse roll-over, tactile screen expansion or using similar techniques.

Suppliers shall ensure that the label is affixed directly to the tyre and is legible in its entirety with nothing obstructing its visibility.

Member States' obligations

Member States shall ensure that the national market surveillance authorities establish a system of routine and ad-hoc inspections of points of sale for the purposes of ensuring compliance with this Regulation.

Snow and ice grip

By 1 June 2020, the Commission shall adopt, delegated acts in order to supplement this Regulation by introducing parameters and information requirements for snow and ice-grip tyres, with the aim of reflecting the comparative performance of the tyres under snowy and icy circumstances and of displaying the up-dated labels both in shops and online six months after the date of entry into force of those delegated acts.

The Commission may also adopt delegated acts to establish a suitable testing method to measure tyre snow and ice-grip tyre performances.

Re-treaded tyres

By two years after the entry into force of this Regulation, the Commission shall adopt delegated acts by introducing new information requirements to the Annexes for re-treaded tyres, provided that a suitable and feasible method is available.