Labelling of tyres: fuel efficiency and other essential parameters

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The European Parliament adopted by 369 votes to 273 with 23 abstentions a legislative resolution 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 1222/200.

The position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure has amended the Commission proposal as follows:

Objective

The regulation should aim to promote fuel-efficient, safe, durable, low-noise tyres that could help to minimise the impact on the environment and health while improving the safety and economic efficiency of road transport. It would apply to C1, C2 and C3 tyres that are placed on the market.

Strengthened labelling regulations

Members believe that improving tyre labelling will allow consumers to obtain more relevant and comparable information on fuel efficiency, safety and noise, and to make cost-effective and environmentally 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.

For tyres advertised or sold on the Internet, suppliers should make the label available and ensure, in the event of purchase, that the label is displayed in a visible manner near the price and that the product information sheet is accessible.

The label could be displayed using a nested image, after a mouse click, mouse roll-over, tactile screen expansion or using similar techniques.

With effect nine months after the date of entry into force of the regulation, suppliers, before placing on the market a tyre produced after that date, should record in the product database the information set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2017/1369 setting a framework for energy labelling.

Distributors should ensure that the label is affixed directly to the tyre and is fully legible, with no other information obstructing its view.

Inspections

Member States shall ensure that national market surveillance authorities set up a system of regular and punctual inspections of points of sale to ensure compliance with the regulation.

Re-treaded tyres

No later than two years after the entry into force of the regulation, the Commission shall adopt delegated acts by introducing new information requirements in the Annexes for re-treaded tyres, provided that a suitable and feasible method is available.

Grip on snow and ice

The Commission shall adopt delegated acts to complement the Regulation by (i) establishing parameters and information requirements for snow and ice-grip tyres; (ii) establishing a suitable testing method to measure snow and ice-grip tyre performances.

Report

By 1 January 2022 at the latest, the Commission shall have carried out an evaluation of the Regulation, accompanied by an impact assessment and a consumer survey and submitted a report to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee. This report shall be accompanied, if necessary, by a legislative proposal to amend the regulation.