

To : Mr. R. Garcia
GRRF

CC. : Mr. J. Jerie

Brussels, 19 July 2000
TAL 0178-00-ETR-GRRF-REG 54

Dear Mr. Garcia,

Subject : ECE Regulation N° 54 Commercial Vehicle Tyres - Amendments

On behalf of the European Tyre Manufacturers, ETRTO is kindly requesting to amend ECE Reg. 54 in order

- to add the additional markings “ET, ML or MPT” for “Special” Tyres
i.e : add new item 3.1.12 to read:
“The inscription ‘ET’ or ‘ML’ or ‘MPT’ for ‘Special-use’ tyres. Note this marking to apply only for tyre types approved after the date of entry into force of supplement ...”
Reasons: to be in line with the requirements on tyre markings specified in the new draft Regulation on Tyre/Road Noise as agreed last by GRB
- to amend Annex 7 § 3 to read :
“... 121 or less, or with the additional Marking “LT” and Load Capacity Index above 121, and a speed category Q and above.”
Reasons: to permit the type approvals of some tyre types available on the American market for some vehicles suitable for export in Europe
- to modify note (2) of Annex 7 – Appendix 1 to read:
“(2) Tyres with Load Index 122 or more, speed categories N or P and the additional marking “LT” shall be tested with the same programme as specified in the above table for tyres with Load Index 121 or less.”
Reasons: to permit the type approvals of some tyre types available on the American market for some vehicles suitable for export in Europe

In advance, we thank you for your help with this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

Léon Chession
Secretary General