

The S-markings on tyres.

Short introduction

As of October 1st 2009 all car tyres (≤ 185 mm), van- and truck tyres must have an S-marking in line with Regulation 2001/43/EC, the rolling sound regulation. We also inform you that as off October 1st 2010 car tyres with a section width of $> 185 - \leq 215$ mm must have an S-marking and all car tyres with a section width of more than 215 mm as of 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 regulation. 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?

Solutions to avoid practical problems were investigated and finally an agreement with the Commission was reached last week. For those tyres that claimed to be compliant with the rolling sound emission set out in Regulation 2001/43/EC a certificate has to be issued when 'entered into service', i.e. with selling the tyre. Each type of tyre (in line with ECE-R117) would have to be submitted to a test to show compliance.

Each tyre sold would have to be accompanied by a certificate summarising 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. All tyres with a production date of week 40 of 2009 and later must have the S-marking.

Associations are urged to inform tyre-, car-, van- and truck dealers, wholesale, web shops, etc. to encourage them not to buy any relevant tyre without a S-marking in order to prevent any abuse.



Frequently asked questions :

We are a tyre importer (or wholesaler) of car tyres (≤ 185 mm) and/or van and/or truck tyres and have still stock of tyres without the S-marking. What to do?

Formally you still have the right to sell the tyres without the S-marking till October 1st 2009. However, the Commission encourages parties to have the tyre accompanied by the mentioned 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

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We are a tyre specialist, car or truck dealer, etc. and still have some tyres without the S-marking in stock. What to do?

Formally you still have the right to sell the tyres without the S-marking till October 1st 2009. However, the Commission encourages parties to have the tyre accompanied by a certificate. This certificate shows that the tyre is compliant with the rolling sound regulation. The certificate is issued by the manufacturer. It concerns all relevant tyres with a production date before week 40 of 2009 (DOT 4009). All tyres with a production date of week 40 of 2009 and later must have the S-marking. It is prohibited to sell tyres without the S-marking or certificate after October 1st 2009 and can be sanctioned.

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