

End of the MSTyr15 project: MSTyr15 Has Improved Confidence of Energy Labels and Safety of Tyres

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During the past 28 months, 14 EU Market Surveillance Authorities and Turkey have collaborated and successfully delivered the Market Surveillance Action on Tyres 2015 (MSTyr15) under the co-ordination of PROSAFE. The goal of this H2020 project has been to enhance the functioning of the European Single Market by ensuring that the tyres regulatory measures are effectively enforced.

MSTyr15 is funded by the European Union and has run from March 2016 to the end of June 2018. The project involved the following countries: Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden and Turkey.

A total of 12.241 labels on C1 passenger car tyres have been checked by the participating Market Surveillance Authorities (MSAs) to see whether they meet the EC regulatory standards. Based on a EU market analysis, label inspections have been performed on tyres for both normal and extreme weather conditions. Altogether, 2.888 (23.5%) tyres have been examined in web shops and 627 (21.7%) of them were non-compliant. The investigation was also carried out in tyre depots, where 568 (6.1%) out of 9.353 tyres inspected proved to be non-compliant. The main non-conformities consisted out of either the label not showing at all or having the wrong format.

A sum of 131 passenger car tyres were sampled and sent to be tested by an accredited laboratory against the European Commission (EC) Regulation 1222/2009(1) regarding Wet Grip (WG) and Rolling Resistance (RR). Following repeated tests, five (5) models (3.8%) were found to be still non-compliant concerning WG, while nine (9) models (6.9%) did not meet the requirements for RR. No tyres failed both WG and RR.

Furthermore, 38% (334) of the 876 sets of technical documentation checked were either incomplete or failed to be delivered on time.