

Market Surveillance Action for TYRES 2015 (MSTyr15)

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Launched in April 2016, the Market Surveillance Action for Tyres 2015 (MSTyr15) is a EU-funded programme targeting C1 passenger car tyres for normal and extreme weather conditions. It is coordinated by PROSAFE. The main objective is to help deliver the intended economic and environment benefits of the labelling of tyres with respect to improving fuel efficiency and road safety by increasing the rates of compliance with the regulatory requirements: Regulation (EC) No 1222/2009, Regulation (EU) No 228/2011, and Regulation (EU) No 1235/2011.

In this regard, over the past 24 months, inspectors of fifteen Market Surveillance Authorities (MSAs) from the EU and Turkey have checked 11.899 tyres labels, reviewed 761 technical documentations, and carried out laboratory tests for Wet Grip and Rolling Resistance of 134 different types of tyres. In more than 500 cases, the label was not compliant, not visible, or not available, while first analysis shows that more than 85% of the tyres tested in laboratory were compliant in respect with Wet Grip and Rolling Resistance requirements.



Stronger enforcement of the EU legislation

Another objective of MSTyr15 is to improve the harmonisation of the enforcement measures taken by the participating authorities, and consequently, to increase market confidence, ensure safer road conditions, and improve consumer trust. In this regard, the Member States have also set up good practice guidelines, common procedures for exchanging information, trainings for the inspectors and national workshops.

Furthermore, data collection has been synchronized with a customized database in order to make information immediately available in all participating countries and to avoid double sampling.

The attainment of these objectives will be further supported through two courses of action:

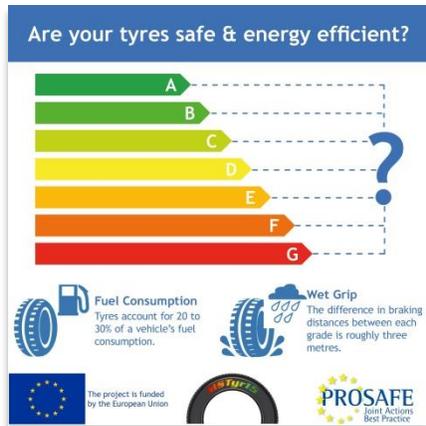
- One by building capacity of the MSAs; growing their expertise and through the development and adoption of common best practices and protocols by MSAs; and
- Another by communicating and engaging with key stakeholders; particularly the manufacturers and suppliers of tyres as well as consumers and environmental NGOs.

Energy Efficiency - saving fuel. Improving wet grip - safer cars

The energy consumption of the transport sector has been rapidly decreasing over the past two decades. More effective market surveillance leads to higher rates of compliance that ensure increased fuel efficiency. Therefore, the MSTyr15 Action intends to contribute further to this momentum and to help the European Union to reach its EU emission reduction targets by 2021. By improving the compliance rate, MSTyr15 is projected to deliver annual savings of 105 GWh.

And even more...the project is checking to make sure the label also provides reliable information for buyers to choose the safest tyres.

International visibility



The Market Surveillance for Tyres 2015 (MSTyr15) was selected for a poster presentation at the World Sustainable Energy Days 2018 (WSED2018). The event took place from the 27th of February to the 3rd of March 2018, in Wels, Austria. Nicolaas Olie, Executive Director of PROSAFE, was there to present the project.

Such an event was an excellent opportunity to display MSTyr15 and its positive impacts in the fields of energy efficiency before an international audience. On this occasion, the PROSAFE team worked on a communication package comprising of a flyer, a large poster, and social media material/pictures, available [here](#).

Next Steps

The Member States of the Joint Action MSTyr15 are now finalizing the evaluation of the test results and the inspections of the tyres. They are agreeing together how to coordinate the enforcement actions they are taking in cases of infringement.

Additionally, we are glad to announce that PROSAFE made a common application for both Joint Actions MSTyr15 and EEPLIANT2 to organise a seminar at the next European Union Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW2018). The application is successful and PROSAFE, as the lead, will organise together with ECOS a policy conference on market surveillance and the EU's energy efficiency goals between the 5th and the 7th of June 2018. More details will follow.

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Caution!

The above results are based on samples of products from the markets in the participating countries. As in any routine market surveillance activity, the results represent the targeted efforts that authorities undertake to identify unsafe and non-compliant products. They do not give a statistically valid picture of the situation of the whole market. Tests were undertaken at accredited laboratories and focussed on those requirements that have the largest impact on energy efficiency and consumer safety.

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