

Market Surveillance Action for Tyres 2015 (MSTyr15)

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The **Market Surveillance Action for Tyres 2015 (MSTyr15)** is focusing on a single product group - passenger car tyres, which have a huge market in the European Union (EU).

The project continues until 2018, during which time inspections of tyre labels, reviews of technical documents and laboratory testing will take place.

Fourteen market surveillance authorities (MSAs) from the EU and Turkey are taking part in the project under the coordination of PROSAFE.

MSTyr15 is funded by Horizon2020, the Research and Innovation programme of the EU, which supports, among others, the effective implementation of EU product efficiency legislation.

The Action completed its first year of activities with excellent progress having been made. The MSAs have already begun selecting and sending tyres to a laboratory to be tested for rolling resistance and wet grip according to Regulation (EC) No 1222/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹.

In parallel, more than 5.000 tyre label inspections have been completed and more will take place over the following months. In all, a total of 15.000 Class C1 passenger car tyres are intended to be checked at the sorts of locations from which consumers typically purchase them.



Guidelines and training

Good Practice and training guidance notes for coordinated and effective market surveillance of tyres energy labelling have been developed and shared with the authorities participating in the project. Copies of these items are available to download from the [MSTyr15 website](#).

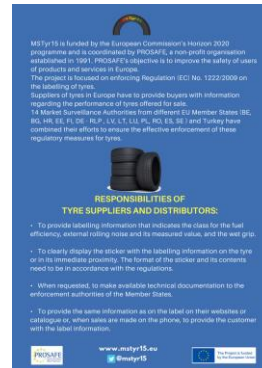
A prime objective of the project is building the capacity for the market surveillance of tyres, hence a label inspection training video has been created in 15 languages: Bulgarian, Croatian, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Romanian, Spanish, Swedish, and Turkish. These videos have been well received by the project members who presented them during national events, internal training or workshops. The MSTyr15 website hosts all the different language versions at <http://www.mstyr15.eu/index.php/en/mstyr15/training>.

Inspections and testing

The project has developed an IT application that can store and synchronise all data recorded. This can be loaded on tablets to aid MSAs during on-site inspections.

¹ A consolidated version can be found at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1493985219864&uri=CELEX:02009R1222-20120530>

Furthermore, the project produced a leaflet² to present MSTyr15 to economic operators including distribution depots. The leaflet provides useful information about tyre labelling and the responsibilities of tyre suppliers and distributors.



Engagement with stakeholders

MSTyr15 has sought to engage with key stakeholders to maximise the input of their expertise and knowledge and enable them to further disseminate information about the project. Stakeholder organisations on the MSTyr15 Advisory Board include the European Tyre and Rubber Manufacturers Association (ETRMA), Imported Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ITMA), ANEC for consumers and Transport & Environment (T&E) for environmental NGOs.

DG ENERGY, the European Commission's Directorate General responsible for the tyres labelling regulation, is also a key stakeholder with which MSTyr15 maintains a close liaison.

More information about MSTyr15 can be found at: www.mstyr15.eu and on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/MSTyr15>. DG ENER website³ is also a good source of information regarding the labelling of tyres.

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Background information

This information is issued by PROSAFE and the 14 market surveillance authorities representing 13 EU Member States and Turkey. The Action is coordinated by PROSAFE, a non-profit organisation that brings together market surveillance officers from all over Europe and across the world. Visit www.prosafe.org to learn more.

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² MSTyr15 leaflet: <http://www.mstyr15.eu/files/MSTYR15-flyer.pdf>.

³ DG ENER website: <https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/topics/energy-efficiency/energy-efficient-products/tyres>.