

Brussels, 19 December 2023 – The European Tyre and Rubber Manufacturers' Association (ETRMA) welcomes the agreement between the European Parliament and Member States on the Euro 7 Regulation for motor vehicles. It is the first time the European Union (EU) sets a framework to limit tyre abrasion, which will become the fourth tyre characteristic to be regulated after rolling resistance, wet grip and external rolling noise.

"The provisional Euro 7 agreement positions the European tyre industry at the forefront of cleaner mobility", says ETRMA Secretary General Adam McCarthy. "ETRMA is committed to achieving technically robust and workable tyre abrasion test methods for all tyre classes", he adds.

The Regulation will ensure alignment with the efforts from the UNECE World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) to develop international rules regarding test methods and limits for tyre abrasion. The European tyre industry has pledged to make significant investments to conduct a market assessment in 2024, which will be used to support the development of regulatory abrasion limits.

"The Euro 7 regulation will help manage tyre and road wear particles and drive the competitiveness of the European tyre industry", continues McCarthy.

The tyre industry is now working towards the swift conclusion of the activities within the UN to establish tyre abrasion limits as soon as possible and to materialise the sustainability and competitiveness gains of Euro 7.

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About ETRMA

The European Tyre & Rubber Manufacturers Association (ETRMA) represent nearly 4.400 companies in the EU, directly employing more than 350.000 people. The global sales of ETRMA's 14 corporate members represent 70% of total global sales and 7 out of 10 world leaders in the sector are ETRMA Members. We have a strong manufacturing and research presence within the EU and candidate countries, with 93 tyre-producing plants and 17 R&D centres.