Proposal for amendments to Regulations N° 30, 54 and 117

A. PROPOSAL

We have identified an urgent need:

- to harmonize Regulations ECE N°30, 54 and 117 concerning the regulatory markings and the technical specifications of snow tyres.
- to permit a smooth transition to these harmonized requirements for marking and technical specifications

In this context, France is keen to prepare a proposal for the next session of GRRF (72nd) and in the meantime to gather all comments and proposals from the others Contracting Parties which want to contribute.

B. JUSTIFICATIONS

1- Definition:

Document TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/2011/13 proposes for regulation ECE N° 30 the same definition as in regulation ECE N° 117 (see: ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2010/63) but:

- the regulatory markings are not identical (only M+S … for one and M+S + 3-Peak mountain symbol for the other one)
- and the technical specification are not identical (no test for one and a snow grip test in the other one)

2- Category of use:

A tyre with only M+S marking in Regulation ECE 117-02 will be approved for the category of use as a “normal tyre” whilst the same tyre will be approved as a “snow tyre” in Regulation ECE 30

3- Technical regulatory requirements:

The consequence of the above consideration is that the tyre having a M+S mark (ECE 30 approval) is considered to comply for wet grip performance of normal tyre in Regulation ECE 117-02 (wet grip index: 1.1) and wet grip performance of snow tyre in Regulation ECE 117-01 (wet grip index: 0.9 or 1.0)