Proposal for an amendment to Regulation No. 54 (Tyres for commercial vehicles and their trailers)

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the experts from the European Tyre and Rim Technical Organisation (ETRTO) amending the tyre marking requirements of UN Regulation No. 54. The modifications to the existing text of the Regulation are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters.

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I. Proposal

Paragraph 3.1.13., amend to read:

"3.1.13. The prefix "LT" before the tyre size designation, or the suffix "C" or "LT" after the rim diameter marking referred to in paragraph 2.17.1.3., and, if applicable, after the tyre to rim fitment configuration referred to in paragraph 2.17.1.4., or the suffix "LT" after the service description."

II. Justification

It is proposed to add the possibility to put the "LT" marking as a prefix or suffix to align the requirements with the current practice for C2 tyres with metric size designation. The proposed text for a prefix is in line with the latest draft of the gr on tyres. The proposed text for a suffix is necessary for the tyres designed according to the Standard of Japanese Automobile Tyre Manufacturer Association (JATMA).