

**Question for written answer E-003602/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Adding information about snow and ice grip ratings to the EU tyre label

An advisory report on labelling with tyres' ice grip ratings which was published in the late winter of 2016 advocates adding information about snow and ice grip ratings to the EU tyre label. Regrettably, progress on this has been slow, and it seems likely that further delays can be expected. It is anticipated that draft legislation on the tyre label will not be published until 2018, i.e. two and a half years behind schedule. Regulation 1222/2009 required the Commission to make a proposal by March 2016.

In Finland, for example, a general overhaul of road transport legislation is currently under consideration. In Finland it has now been realised that current legislation contains no provisions on winter tyres, and a clause has been included in a government preliminary legislative proposal indicating the need to lay down more precise provisions concerning them. Thus the use of tyres labelled with an ice grip rating could also very well be recommended. The benefits of ice grip rating labelling to road safety are unequivocally identifiable, and voluntary labelling could increase consumers' knowledge concerning winter tyres in the quickest way available.

Will the Commission ensure that labelling with snow and ice grip ratings, which significantly affects road safety in wintry conditions, is included in EU tyre labelling?

If amendments to legislation are delayed and if snow and ice grip ratings are not going to be added to the EU tyre label, what view does the Commission take of the possibility that Member States could adopt their own rules on labelling?