Question for written answer E-004840/2021 to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: EU tyre labelling rules on ice grip marking for light commercial vehicle tyres (C2) and heavy commercial vehicle tyres (C3)

The new EU tyre labelling rules (Regulation (EU) 2020/740 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 May 2020 on the labelling of tyres with respect to fuel efficiency and other parameters) require suppliers to include information on different parameters, such as fuel efficiency and wet grip, on labels for tyres of all classes (C1, C2 and C3). For the first time, the ice grip pictogram must also be added to the tyre label to indicate which tyres are suitable for use in extreme icy conditions.

Annex I of the Regulation introduces the ice grip pictogram but does not include clearly defined technical parameters. Recital 14 of the Regulation states that ice grip performance should be based on ISO standard ISO 19447, including a threshold value, once the standard has been adopted.

ISO standard ISO 19447 was published in September 2021, but it only covers passenger car tyres (C1), whereas the Regulation stipulates the inclusion of the parameter for all three tyre classes.

How is the Commission furthering the development of the necessary technical parameter criteria for the ice performance of C2 and C3 tyres?