



ITWS 'reaches' out to embrace new legislation

Specialist suppliers of SG Revolution super cushion solid tyres, ITWS, has been quick to react to new European standards for tyre manufacture, so much so that the company has influenced global tyre production with their Thai manufacturer.

The REACH Annex restrictions concern the impact of PAH's (polycyclic-aromatic hydrocarbons) on the environment. Found in extender oils – and tyres subsequently made by the oils – tyres are now only compliant in Europe if the extract of PAH is less than 3% by weight (according to test method IP346).

As ITWS is the importer of the SG Revolution tyres across Europe, it was imperative that compliance was established urgently, particularly with large and growing numbers of the tyres working in waste, demolition and recycling applications.

Well in advance of the deadline to introduce the new legislation, Les Williams, MD of ITWS, flew to Thailand to ensure the factory was aware of the pressing need for compliance for the European market and, following lengthy discussions, testing and investment, the manufacturer has now decided to change its global tyre production to conform to the new standards. Les commented;

“It took some persuasion for Shin Gun, the manufacturer, to agree to change its manufacturing processes, mainly because there is little risk from the existing tyre design, but once they agreed to run with the changes they decided to pre-empt similar legislation elsewhere in the world and make wholesale changes the way they produce tyres to comply. Our customers can be confident that all SG Revolution tyres and REACH compliant.”

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