**Regulations concerning the use of vehicles – proposal concerning Section 1-4 *Wheels***

(This is an excerpt of the Section 1-4) *(changes are in italic and red):*

(This alternative means that current number 2 second paragraph is divided into two paragraphs; second paragraph and a new third paragraph)

1. For vehicles that have wheels and are designed for speeds above 30 km/h, the following applies:
2. Tyres on cars, motorcycles, mopeds, tractors, motorized equipment, trailers or trailing equipment shall have a tread depth of at least 1.6 mm.

Tyres on vehicles mentioned in the first paragraph shall, however, have a tread depth of at least 3 mm in the period from and including 1 November up to and including Monday after Easter Monday. In the same period, tyres on vehicles with a maximum authorised mass above 3,500 kg shall have a tread depth of at least 5 mm. In Nordland, Troms and Finnmark, the tread depth requirement shall apply from and including 16 October up to and including 30 April. This does not apply to motorhomes with a maximum authorised mass between 3,500 kg and 7,500 kg.

Tread depth is measured for the main grooves in the middle ¾ of the tread width and around the circumference of the tyre, except where tread wear indicators are placed.

1. Wheels on the same axle shall have tyres with approximately the same properties.
2. The wheels must be sufficiently balanced both statically and dynamically.
3. Vehicles must not be used if they have not been provided with sufficient road grip for the weather and road surface conditions, if necessary through the application of studded or non-studded winter tyres, chains or similar. Winter tyres are tyres that are specially marked *by the manufacturer* with M+S, MS, M&S, M-S or «Mud and snow», *or that marking in combination with the alpine symbol (3 peak mountain snowflake).* Only winter tyres are permitted to be studded, with the exception of tyres for motorcycles and tractors.

Motor vehicles, with the exception of motorhomes with a maximum authorized mass not exceeding 7,500 kg, must have the following tyres when driving on public roads in the period from 15 November to 31 March inclusive:

* *winter tyres of type 3 peak mountain snowflake on steer axle and drive axle,*
* winter tyres of type mud and snow or 3 peak mountain snowflake on other axles.

The Norwegian Public Roads Administration Regional Office may grant exemptions from this requirement if there are particularly weighty reasons to do.

Trailers with a maximum authorized mass exceeding 3,500 kg must have winter tyres of type mud and snow or 3 peak mountain snowflake on all axles when driving on public roads in the period from 15 November to 31 March inclusive. The Norwegian Public Roads Administration Regional Office may grant exemptions from this requirement if there are particularly weighty reasons to do.

**Alternative proposal concerning nr. 2 second paragraph:** *(changes are in italic and red):*

(This alternative implies another wording in nr. 2 second paragraph. It also implies that there will be no new third paragraph.)

Motor vehicles and trailers to motor vehicles, each with a maximum authorized mass exceeding 3,500 kg, with the exception of motorhomes with a maximum authorized mass not exceeding 7,500 kg, must have winter tyres *of type 3 peak mountain snowflake* on all axles when driving on public roads in the period from 15 November to 31 March inclusive. The Norwegian Public Roads Administration Regional Office may grant exemptions from this requirement if there are particularly weighty reasons to do.

**Alternative proposal concerning thread depth in nr. 1 letter a second paragraph (increasing from 5 to 7 mm):**

Tyres on vehicles mentioned in the first paragraph shall, however, have a tread depth of at least 3 mm in the period from and including 1 November up to and including Monday after Easter Monday. In the same period, tyres on vehicles with a maximum authorised mass above 3,500 kg shall have a tread depth of at least *7* mm. In Nordland, Troms and Finnmark, the tread depth requirement shall apply from and including 16 October up to and including 30 April. This does not apply to motorhomes with a maximum authorised mass between 3,500 kg and 7,500 kg.