Compass Group UK & Ireland Ltd

**Tyre Management Policy**

**Aim**

The aim of this policy is to communicate to all drivers the importance of minimising tyre usage. Compass Group UK & Ireland Ltd goal is to ensure tyre usage is recorded, monitored, and managed. Tyre condition and tread depth features highly amongst the major criteria for vehicle roadworthiness. Tyres are the point of contact between our vehicle and the road as such they have a major influence on the handling, braking and safe operation of our vehicles. Our policy specifies the way we manage our tyres both operationally and with a view on environmental impact.

**Company’s Responsibilities and Commitments**

We as a company adopt the following:

* Minimum tread depth for our fleet is 2mm
* Tyres inflated to 110PSI or greater at sea level, depending on tyre usage.
* Tread depth and tyre condition are checked at service and inspection intervals
* Drivers also make visual inspection of tyres as part of their daily walk round checks when taking over a vehicle
* Tyres will also be inspected as part of the vehicle’s inspection by qualified technicians
* The company aims to reuse tyre casing as much as possible in order to reduce waste

**Driver Responsibility**

Drivers may face stiff penalties at the roadside or via the courts for worn, bald or defective tyres. As such all drivers must check their tyre tread depths daily as part of their walkaround check. The current tread depth legislation requires that bus and coach tyres must have a minimum of 1mm of tread in a continuous band throughout the central three-quarters of the tread width and over the whole circumference of the tyre.

If a vehicles weight is 3500kg or less, the minimum tyre depth must be1.6mm.

Drivers should also ensure the tyres are:

* Correctly inflated
* Not have mixed structures (e.g. cross ply and radial) on the same axle
* Be free of any cut more than 25mm or 10% of the tyre section width, whichever is greater, and deep enough to reach the ply or cord
* Be free from any lump, bulge or tear caused by separation or partial failure of its structure
* Have none of the ply or cord exposed
* The base of any groove which showed the original tread pattern must be clearly visible (i.e. any baldness will be illegal)
* Are not older than 10 years. Determining the age can be achieved by reading the DOT final numbers on the tyre wall. Tyres manufactured after the year 2000 have a four-digit code with the first two digits representing the week of manufacture and third and fourth digits representing the year

**Fleet Check and Disposal**

Compass Group UK & Ireland Ltd will ensure that all vehicle tyres are checked at regular intervals by our third party tyre agent and that tyres are replaced or repaired where necessary. Our Transport Manager will maintain a record of all replacements or repairs and that tyres are disposed of responsibly whilst adhering to all waste regulations.

**Summary**

It is important to understand that this can help to improve road safety, reduce vehicle

operating costs and reduce the likelihood of receiving fines and penalty points for driving un-roadworthy vehicles.

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I declare that I have read and understood the contents of this Tyre Management Policy and agree to adhere to it at all times during my employment with Compass Group UK & Ireland Ltd.

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