



Your sign	Your message from	Our sign	Phone	Fax	Date
		Dr.Vo/ Kdan0486 HA-oils in Tyres.doc	0511/938-59519	0511/938-59522	19.11.2010
				E-Mail: andreas.vogelpohl@conti.de	

## Statement regarding non-use of highly aromatic oils in tyres produced by Continental AG

Dear customer,

we are pleased to provide the following information about highly aromatic oils:

Mineral oils are classified as carcinogenic or non-carcinogenic on the basis of the components extractable with the solvent dimethylsulfoxide (extract in acc. w. IP346). If the quantity of extracts is less than 3%, the corresponding oil is classified as non-carcinogenic. If the quantity of extracts is higher than 3% then the oil is a so-called "highly aromatic oil" (HA-oil). These oils contain a specified amount of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) which lead to their classification as carcinogenic.

For tyres manufactured by Continental, replacement of HA-oils with aromatic-reduced oils<sup>1)</sup> was completed in 2009 and hence those tyres fully comply with EU regulation 1907/2006 (REACH) Annex XVII restriction 50<sup>1</sup> (PAHs in extender oils and tyres). This is confirmed by results achieved by Continental tyres in independent tyre tests, for example those carried out by the German test facility "Stiftung Warentest".

<sup>1)</sup> Alternative oils in accordance with EU Guideline 2005/69/EU

Kind regards,

Dr. Andreas Vogelpohl