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## Tyre Recovery Association Limited

### **Fears grow that Covid impact will lead to widespread 'dead-end' stockpiling**

The TRA is urging the Environment Agency to exercise increased vigilance over operators who use the current relaxation of stockpile permitting rules to increase the storage of waste tyres beyond levels they have the financial resources to recycle responsibly. “Operators face multiple challenges at this present difficult moment,” says TRA Secretary General, Peter Taylor but;

“With little income just now, businesses still have overheads to meet while recycling gate prices are very much higher than at this time even a year ago. Furthermore, cash flows are under pressure like never before. The temptations are obvious and some will undoubtedly be driven to take in the nations old tyres at prices well below what are now necessary to move them properly through our recycling infrastructure. I suspect that many are being driven more by hope than expectations and faced with this financial reality will simply ‘dump and run’ leaving property owners and the public purse with yet again an ugly and very expensive problem. We must not allow this to happen. We can all play our part,” continues Taylor, “the Environment Agency and our other regulators must continue to offer help to operators but at the same time apply the test of realism in their role as enforcers.”

“What comes in can only go out if input and output cost realities match up.” We, ourselves, in the tyre industry must also apply the realism test. A price too tempting is one which in all probability is also one which compromises our legal Duty of Care.

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#### **About the TRA**

A cornerstone of the body is its unique Responsible Recycler Scheme. All TRA members are fully accredited by the scheme, which ensures that all tyres collected, recycled or reprocessed by them are disposed of or reused in environmentally friendly and acceptable methods. The Tyre Recovery Association has the independent ability to pursue these objectives at both industry and government levels, generate performance data specific to its member's interests as well as develop stronger links across the tyre recycling world. See more at: <http://www.tyrrerecovery.org.uk>