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**SUB: TUBES & FLAPS - Premature failures of Tubes & Flaps reported by
Dy.CMEs - Comprehensive guidelines issued - Reg.**

1.0 Reports received in the recent past from Dy.CMEs of the regions about the premature failures of Tubes and Flaps of certain brands were examined. It was noted that Dy.CMEs have been submitting reports, in routine manner, stating that flaps and tubes of certain firms are failing prematurely causing run-flat scrapping of tyres at few depots. Essential details required to prove their contention i.e. date of fitment, date of failure, Kilometres performed etc. are not being furnished in their letters.

2.0 As Dy.CMEs are reporting few stray cases of premature failures of tubes & flaps, that too, without furnishing relevant essential information, no action could be initiated on the firms at Zonal level or Corporate level.

3.0 As premature failure of tube/flap leads to premature scrapping of tyres with run-flat damage, suitable corrective actions are to be initiated immediately by Dy.CMEs, Works Managers, Controller of stores etc. In order to contain such avoidable failures of tyres, there is an absolute necessity to develop awareness among the Depot Managers, Supervisors and staff working in depots.

4.0 Therefore, comprehensive guidelines are issued here under about dealing with premature failures of tubes & flaps at Depot, Regional and Zonal levels.

- a) During the inspections of depots, Dy.CMEs shall examine whether the flaps & tubes of any brand are failing prematurely. Dy.CME shall verify the date of fitment, date of failure, Kms performed till the date of failure. He shall inspect the prematurely failed tube/ flap critically and find out the reasons.**
- b) If the premature failure of tube/flap is due to the incorrect tyre assembling practices prevailing at the depots Viz. non-usage of metallic washer, improper positioning of valve stem, entrapping of foreign matter / and particles in tyre assembly etc., the staff and supervisors of the depot shall be educated and awareness shall be developed to prevent such failures.**
- c) If the premature failure is due to defective/improper quality of materials, fitment and removal particulars of each prematurely failed tube & flap shall be gathered by Dy.CME of the region from depots in the prescribed format. Failure samples of tubes & flaps shall be sent to AME (Tyres) duly intimating the matter to COS & WM of the Zone and CME (O), Corporate office.**
- d) Format for submission of the details of prematurely failed tubes and flaps (i) from depots to Dy.CME of the region and (ii) regional consolidated information from Dy.CME to AME (Tyres) is given below.**

SL NO	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	DATE OF FITMENT	DATE OF FAILURE	KMS PERFORMED	MAKE/ BRAND	REMARKS/ CAUSES
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- e) AME (Tyres) shall consolidate the particulars of Prematurely failed tubes/flaps received from any Dy.CME and submit the same to Works Manager. Works Manager shall address letters to other Dy.CMEs of the Zone and ascertain whether such failures are observed or not. He shall gather the premature failure details from Dy.CMEs of other regions of the Zone.
- f) Controller of Stores shall arrange joint inspection of prematurely failed tubes and flaps by AME (Tyres) along with Service personnal of the firms. Minutes of the joint inspection shall be recorded and communicated to CME (OJ/CCOS. In case of any ambiguity in deciding the cause of premature failure, the matter shall be referred to CME (O), to take necessary action.

5.0 Under any circumstances premature failure cases of tubes and flaps shall not be kept pending for more than 15 days in Zonal Stores from the date of receiving detailed report from any Dy.CME. The responsibility of arranging joint inspections and settlement of the claims rests with the Controller of Stores of the Zone. He shall play an active role for the early settlement of premature failure cases. Any delay in resolving the premature failure cases of tubes/flaps would lead to abnormal increase in scrap rate of tyres in both New & RC stages.

6.0 Therefore, all Dy.CMEs, Works Managers, Controller of Stores, AMEs (Tyres), Stores Officers (D&T) etc. shall follow the above instructions scrupulously and resolve the premature failure cases related to tubes/flaps on TOP PRIORITY.

7.0 Executive Directors (Zone) shall discuss these details in production review meetings and monitor the progress for early settlement of premature failure claims in order to prevent huge consequential losses.

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