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I thank you for your comments and I encourage you to continue to dialogue with [redacted]

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Thank you for your timely response on this matter, and of the usage of winter tires for MFABs. We agree that issues such as this must be addressed in a manner that ensures the optimum with respect for Public Safety. You have our assurances that we will in no way make decisions or recommendations that would knowingly compromise this principle.

We believe some of our statements were taken out of context however, but we agree with Transport Canada's position and documentation from TC and the Rubber association of Canada, identified for us on the usage of "Winter Tires". These tires being properly identified with the Snowflake and Mountain Peak symbol" . Their usage cannot be faulted on front wheel drive passenger cars, all wheel drives, and four wheel drive vehicles.

Our recommendations were to use "Winter Tires" or "Traction Tires" on drive positions only for rear wheel drive vehicles. This is in context where the vehicles in question are controlled usage vehicles for which their operation can be generally limited to good winter road conditions, bare or snow packed. We agree that in snow conditions, improvements can be had in steering and stopping distances at low speeds. However, recommendations must be based on all identifiable conditions, All of the tests and documentation we have examined show marked improvements at urban speed conditions with winter tires, but only marginal at highway speeds and marginally worse on bare pavement conditions. Our concern is for incident loss of lateral stability or skidding at highway speeds. As you are aware this condition can be induced by emergency