



OEM BULLETIN

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The Union of the European Lubricant Industry (UEIL) is the umbrella association of the European Lubricants Industry, representing their members and, in particular, the interests of SMEs and independent lubricant companies. To date, the UEIL represents more than 450 lubricant companies, who manufacture and distribute lubricant products under their own various trademarks throughout the European Union. With members in more than 22 European Countries and a unique collective experience of lubricants and the lubricants market, UEIL is the sole representative body for independent manufacturers of lubricants in Europe and has been recognised as such by the European Commission. It is UEIL's policy to favour free and fair competition within the scope of prevailing EU and national laws.

In November 2017 it came to the attention of UEIL's Technical Committee that PSA had initiated a process to update its B71 2290 specification, that whilst maintaining the specification number would require new technology to meet the updated requirements as of 1 January 2018.

On 28 November UEIL addressed a letter to PSA stating that to the best of the association's knowledge no additive company would be able to supply a technology to the updated requirements when first required.

In respect to the probable lack of a suitable additive technology for use by UEIL members, UEIL requested that PSA allow operators to continue to use additives compliant with the outgoing specification until such time as the additive companies could bring a technology compliant with the update to the marketplace. UEIL requested that PSA address this request expediently.

UEIL directed further correspondence to PSA in December 2017 and January 2018 seeking a response. On 10 January 2018 UEIL received a response from PSA confirming receipt of UEIL's request and stating that the said request had been forwarded to the R&D Department for their consideration.

As of 8 August 2018 UEIL are yet to receive a response from PSA. However, in the meantime it has come to the attention of the Technical Committee that technologies meeting the updated technical specifications have been made commercially available by at least two additive companies.

With two formulations being supplied to the market to the required specification UEIL's concerns have been allayed and the case has been closed.

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