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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.

At the end of 2017, UEIL were warned about statements from an FCA distributor regarding warranty issues linked to the use of lubricants. The latter statement was claiming that:

- Only oils which have been approved by FCA and have the CTR Number F510.D07 could be used
- The use of another oil would exclude any warranty claim

First, UEIL has contacted this distributor to remind him some important principles of the EU antitrust rules in the motor vehicle sector regarding spare parts and to ask him to reconsider its position and to amend its communication and its documentation accordingly.

Secondly, UEIL has been in touch with FCA in Italy which has confirmed that:

- The recommendation for service fill refers to the technical specification, in the specific case 9.55535-S1
- Oils meeting technical specification (proven by appropriate testing in independent laboratories) can be used without any limitation and with no warranty exclusion (even if they do not have the CTR number)

UEIL would like to thank FCA Italy for its assistance in resolving this issue.

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