

OEM BULLETIN

DAF TRUCKS

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 21 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.

It is key for UEIL and its members, which **defend a free market and fair competition**, that motorists can:

- Have access to references of oil technical specifications in owners' manuals
- Choose between different competing products

Indeed, otherwise, end users are deprived of choice, and the market access for competing products is blocked.

Summary of the case

The UEIL Technical & Competition Committee was contacted by several of its members regarding an issue with DAF Trucks' approval process for engine crankcase oils. While DAF had published an invitation on their website encouraging companies to obtain approvals against their PSQL 2.1E and PSQL 2.1E LD specifications, members of our industry reported that, despite having their oils sent for evaluation and approval, DAF failed to complete the final step of the process – notifying the supplier of the evaluations – which prevented companies from making a formal claim against these specifications. As a result, members were effectively unable to become DAF Trucks approved suppliers.

State of play

UEIL addressed this issue by formally contacting DAF Trucks on 14 August 2024, requesting clarifications on the delays. DAF responded on 28 August 2024, stating that all companies that had submitted oils for approval would receive a response by the end of September 2024. UEIL followed up with DAF directly in October 2024, and a response was received on 6 November, in which DAF confirmed the introduction of a new Engine Oil Standard (PSQL 2.4) and indicated that they were in the final stages of preparing documentation for approvals.

Following this response, UEIL monitored the situation to determine if further complaints would arise. Since no additional issues were reported, we believe this matter has been resolved.

Conclusion

UEIL thanks all involved parties for their cooperation in resolving this matter.

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