

The purpose of this compliance bulletin is to provide guidance to retreaders, producers and Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) regarding the use of retreading in meeting producer's management requirements under the [Tires Regulation - O. Reg. 225/18 \(the regulation\)](#).

Under the regulation, producers must meet mandatory management requirements.

For the 2025 performance year, through to 2029, every obligated producer shall ensure that at least 65% of all the tires they supplied into Ontario are reused, retreaded or processed, increasing to 70% in 2030.

For the 2025 performance year and every year thereafter, producers of large tires (weighing more than 700 kg), shall ensure that the amount of large tires reused, retreaded, or processed equals at least 60% of the producer's average weight of large tires supplied in Ontario. These management requirements may be met through any combination of:

- Tires that are reused for their original purpose with or without modification (e.g., a repaired tire).
- Tires that are reused without modification for a new purpose (e.g., a tire being reused as a bumper, or other similar apparatus for absorbing shock).
- Used tires that are processed and whose resulting materials are used to make new products or packaging
- Tires that are retreaded

What is retreading?

Retreading is the process by which the tread on a used tire is replaced with a new tread. Generally, retreading includes the following steps:

- (a) The used tire is inspected to ensure that it is a suitable candidate for retreading. If not, it is typically sent to a processor.
- (b) The used tire is then prepared for retreading by removing the old tread to produce a casing with a smooth surface for the new tread. The material removed from the used tire is called 'buffing' and is also collected and typically sent to a processor.
- (c) A new tread is then applied to the casing to produce a retreaded tire.

How does retreading count toward a producer's management requirement?

A producer can count the entire calculated weight of a retreaded tire towards their management requirements, provided that the retreaded tire was previously used and collected in Ontario.

Calculated weight is either the actual weight of the retreaded tire or the weight calculated in accordance with the [Weight Conversion Factors \(Tires\) Registry Procedure](#).

Many retreaders provide retreading services to customers outside of Ontario. Those retreaders will need to have a system of tracking tires and maintaining records that will allow RPRA inspectors to confirm that only retreaded tires that were used and collected in Ontario

are being counted toward a producer's management requirements.

Retreaders will also need to ensure that appropriate records are available for auditors who are retained by producers, or by PROs on their behalf, to verify retreading performance as part of their performance reporting to RPRA. Please refer to the compliance bulletin, [Tire Annual Reporting Requirements](#) for further guidance.

Can the weight of buffings count toward a producer's management requirement?

Yes. However, only the buffings from used tires that were used and collected in Ontario can count toward a producer's management requirement.

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