



European Tractor Pulling Committee

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Subject: Clutch inspections and safety equipment checks when not used in competition during 2020

To whom it may concern,

1. Clutch Inspections

There have been some questions about the requirement for a new clutch inspection for the season 2021 if the equipment was not used in 2020 due to the Covid 19 pandemic and no pulling competitions. ETPC can offer the following guidance on this matter.

- Due to local country legislation regarding insurances it is not possible for the ETPC to send a generic European template out to sign off this procedure to certify clutches for another season, each country should use their own documentation to satisfy local regulations
- It is the responsibility of the member organisation and their own national clutch inspectors to decide if they are prepared to sign off the clutch for another year if it can be confirmed that the clutch has not been used since its last inspection.
- If you are not 100% sure that the clutch had not been used then it must be re-inspected as normal.
- The inspector should be the same person that carried out the original inspection and issue a new form stating that the clutch has not been inspected but is considered acceptable because it has not been used since its last inspection
- This form must be attached to the current inspection paperwork and held by the team as normal for examination by Tech Inspectors if required.

If the above procedure is carried out with all relevant paperwork available for inspection at events in 2021 ETPC T&S is happy to accept the sign off by national inspectors for clutches not used in 2020 without the need for a re-test. Any clutches used in 2020 or without a valid 2020 inspection must have a new inspection for 2021.



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2. Safety Equipment

In the same way that clutches not used in 2020 do not need a new inspection certain safety equipment that was not used in 2020 will get a year's extension as follows

- For any equipment that has a defined number of years usage in the ETPC rules e.g. firesuits 6 years. If 2020 was the last year of use allowed then this can be extended by one (1) year.
- For any safety equipment that has an "Expiry Date" or needs to be retested (e.g. fire extinguishers/firesticks and protection blankets) these will need to be within date for the 2021 season.

We trust that this has clarified the position on clutch inspections but should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

On behalf of the ETPC Tech & safety Board
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