

VLS Newsletter May 2018

The total number of cases has now reached 58, with 50 archived and 8 cases currently under investigation. Of the recent influx of cases the majority relate to 5w30 automotive engine oil which is a staple product of the after and service fill markets.

Recent trends for OEMs to require their own engine oil variant coupled with the aftermarket need to rationalise stockholding particularly in the workshop sector could be one factor that has led to an increase in the number of marketing claims made on automotive engine oil products.

VLS Case 010150

VLS were unable to procure the product on the open market and consequently the case could not be proven. For any case to be accepted, the product must be available for open sale on the UK market, so consequently the case was archived.

VLS Case 010151

This case relating to a Fully Synthetic 5W/30 lubricant is approaching the conclusion stage of the initial investigation and the Named Party's actions to bring the product into compliance are currently under review. The current case notice can be seen at: <http://ukla-vls.org.uk/case-outcomes/vls010151/>

VLS Case 010152

This case relates to a 5w30 PCMO and we are expecting a formal response from the Named Party by the 10th June 2018 which is at the end of the 28 day consultation period. The case notice can be seen at: <http://ukla-vls.org.uk/case-outcomes/vls010152/>

VLS Case 010153

This case relates to a PCMO Fully Synthetic 5W/30 and actions proposed by the Named Party to bring the product into compliance are currently under review at the end of the 28 day consultation process. The case notice can be seen at: <http://ukla-vls.org.uk/case-outcomes/vls010153/>

VLS Case 010154

This case also relates to a 5w30 automotive engine oil. Actions proposed by the Named Party to bring the product into compliance are currently under review at the end of the 28 day consultation process. The case notice can be seen at: <http://ukla-vls.org.uk/case-outcomes/vls010154/>

VLS Case 010155

This case relates to a Fully Synthetic PCMO 5W/30. Actions proposed by the Named Party to bring the product into compliance are currently under review by the Technical Review Panel at the end of the 28 day consultation process. The case notice can be seen at: <http://ukla-vls.org.uk/case-outcomes/vls010155/>

VLS Case 010156

This is a new case that has been received by VLS relating to a 5W/30 automotive engine oil and details of the complaint have been passed to the Technical Review Panel. The current case notice can be seen at <http://ukla-vls.org.uk/case-outcomes/vls010156/>.

VLS Case 010157

This is a new case that has been received by VLS relating to a 15W/40 Heavy Duty Diesel Engine Oil. Details of the complaint have been passed to the Technical Review Panel for determination. The current case notice can be seen at <http://ukla-vls.org.uk/case-outcomes/vls010157/>.

VLS Case 010158

This is a new case that has been received by VLS relating to a 5w30 Fully Synthetic Engine Oil. The Technical Review Panel has reviewed the complaint and asked for a sample of the product to be procured and tested. The current case notice can be seen at <http://ukla-vls.org.uk/case-outcomes/vls010158/>.



Media Update

Lube magazine June 2018

Andrew Goddard, Chairman of VLS, writes about recent changes to light goods vehicle taxation related to emissions which has recently been proposed by the UK Government. To read his regular column [click here](#). To subscribe to Lube magazine [click here](#).

Professional Motor Mechanic June 2018

This month Andrew Goddard speaks to PMM magazine about the role of additives in the lubricant formulation, Page 58. For more details [click here](#).

Lubes N Greases EMEA June 2018

On Page 32 of this month's edition, VLS updated readers of LNG EMEA on our progress dealing with product complaints. To read the article [click here](#).

Professional Motor Factor, May 2018

VLS appeared in the preview of the Automechanika show featured in the magazine. [Click here](#).

FACTS magazine issue 138, May 2018

VLS featured in FACTS magazine for May 2018 on four recent cases it had received. To read the article [click here](#).

VLS spoke to FACTS magazine on the future of electric vehicles. [Click here](#).

Forecourt Trader Online, May 2018

Andrew Goddard spoke to Forecourt Trader online about the rising trend for End Users to retain their vehicles for longer and the pressure this puts on lubricant marketers. To read the feature [click here](#).

Aftermarket magazine, May 2018

Andrew Goddard spoke to Aftermarket magazine about the role that additives play in lubricant performance. To read the article [click here](#).

VLS also featured in Aftermarket's Automechanika preview. To view the article [click here](#).

Garage magazine, May 2018

VLS featured in the Automechanika preview issue no. 276 and in a feature on the safe handling and storage of lubricants. [Click here](#).



Transport Operator, May 2018

Andrew Goddard spoke to Transport Operator, issue 72 page 31 on 'Is your oil up to scratch'. [Click here](#).

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Events

Automechanika, NEC, 5-7 June

We look forward to welcoming our members and meeting End Users at stand M109 at Automechanika 2018, in the Garage Quarter.