



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **New French Winter Driving Regulations: AutoSock fulfils local Road Safety Requirements in France**

**Oslo, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021** - AutoSock meets all requirements for removable winter traction devices stated in the new French Winter Driving regulations.

According to the new regulation, also referred to as "Mountain Law" ("Loi Montagne"), 48 Departments in France are defined as "mountainous" areas where new road rules shall apply. Here, local authorities can identify safety-relevant road sections, where vehicles must be equipped with winter tires or removable winter traction devices. These special road sections will be indicated by two new road signs, signaling the beginning and the end of the winter equipment section. These new regulations will apply throughout the winter season starting November 1<sup>st</sup> until March 31<sup>st</sup>.

"With this new regulation in place, AutoSock is a real alternative to expensive winter tires for anyone driving only occasionally on such road sections", says Odd Christian Krohn, CEO of AutoSock Operations AS, when asked about the new French rules.

Already since 2009 AutoSock products are certified to meet French snow chain requirements. With the introduction of the new European standard EN16662-1, AutoSock is now legally accepted throughout the European Union when snow chains are mandatory on vehicles up to 3,5t gross weight.



The new road signs B58 and B59 signaling beginning and end of winter equipment sections

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### About AutoSock

AutoSock Operations AS manufactures and distributes AutoSock textile traction devices. Since its invention by Norwegian tire expert Bård Løvteit in 1996, AutoSock has invested in more than 20 years of continuous research and development. In cooperation with German car manufacturers and certification services, the product was finally launched on the European market in 2000. AutoSock is mounted like a “sock” over the tires of passenger cars, vans, trucks, buses and forklifts and delivers significantly increased traction on snowy and icy roads. AutoSock is one of the safest, best performing and most reliable traction devices on the market and is sold through a worldwide distribution network in more than 60 countries. For more information, please visit: [autosock.com](https://www.autosock.com)



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