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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 (Union of the European Lubricants Industry) Technical & Competition committee was contacted by several of its members regarding the lack of information in Aston Martin's owners' manuals on product alternatives for Power Steering Fluids, Hydraulic System and 8-speed Automatic Transmissions.

State of play

Without prejudice, UEIL contacted the named OEM and requested their investigation into these omissions. The OEM provided the necessary details and we thank them for their co-operation.

Conclusion

UEIL thanks all its members for their involvement in this case.

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