

consideration the appropriate sequence and phasing of projects; (5) takes into consideration the existing commitments and anticipated funding levels; (6) is prioritized based on the level of readiness of the corridor; and (7) reflects consultation with Amtrak. 49 U.S.C. 25101(g)(1)–(7). The statute does not specify what level of development should be achieved prior to identifying a capital project for Federal investment in the pipeline.

7. Should capital projects identified in the project pipeline be required to be ready for immediate implementation (*i.e.*, final design and construction), and be supported by a completed environmental determination under NEPA, completed preliminary engineering, and (as applicable) agreements with the relevant host railroad(s)?

8. If a capital project must be ready for immediate implementation in order to be included in the project pipeline (see Question #7), should FRA establish a “pre-Pipeline” of projects that have been identified in the “corridor project inventories” included in the SDPs prepared under 49 U.S.C. 25101(d), and that are in the process of being readied for implementation (*e.g.*, in the process of environmental review under NEPA, undergoing completion of preliminary engineering, etc.), but which are not ready for implementation?

9. Through what means, and in consideration of what factors (beyond those enumerated in 49 U.S.C. 25101(g)(4)–(7)), should FRA establish the order (or prioritization) of the list of capital projects eligible for funding identified under the project pipeline, as called for in 49 U.S.C. 25101(g)(3)?

Funding of Program Activities

The BIL makes funding available to carry out planning and development activities related to the Program. Public Law 117–58 22307; 49 U.S.C. 24911(k). The statute includes three examples of activities that may be undertaken using this funding, including: (1) Providing funding to public entities for the development of SDPs selected under the Program; (2) facilitating and providing guidance for intercity passenger rail systems planning; and (3) providing funding for the development and refinement of intercity passenger rail systems planning analytical tools and models. 49 U.S.C. 24911(k)(1)–(3). The statute does not limit the use of such funding to these three examples.

10. What other Program activities should be undertaken with the support of funding provided under 49 U.S.C. 24911(k)?

Readiness of Proposals for Selection into the Program

The statute specifies criteria for the selection of corridors for the Program. However, these criteria do not fully address the readiness of a proposed corridor for development under the Program.

11. Should FRA consider readiness factors not otherwise described in the statute when evaluating proposals submitted for the Program, and if so, what factors would be relevant in assessing readiness?

12. In determining the readiness of a proposal, should FRA consider the degree of commitment to the eventual implementation of the proposal demonstrated by: (1) The entity submitting the proposal, (2) the proposed service sponsor(s), and/or (3) the proposed capital project sponsor(s)?

Criteria for the Selection of Proposals

When selecting intercity passenger rail corridors for the Program, FRA must consider fourteen specific criteria. 49 U.S.C. 25101(c).

13. Of the fourteen selection criteria enumerated in 49 U.S.C. 25101(c), are certain criteria of greater importance to the successful development of an intercity passenger rail corridor?

14. What other considerations may be appropriate in evaluating proposals for corridors to be developed under the Program?

Selectivity of the Program

FRA must solicit and select intercity passenger rail corridor proposals for development under the Program, and must partner with the entity that submitted the proposal to prepare an SDP for a selected proposal. While FRA must apply certain corridor selection criteria, the statute does not address the selectivity of the Program.

15. In general, how selective should the Program be, particularly during the period directly following its establishment? Should all proposals that meet a minimum threshold be selected for development under the Program, or should only a limited number of top proposals be selected, and if so, why?

16. What considerations are relevant for determining the selectivity of the Program?

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Notice To Solicit Transit Advisory Committee for Safety Member Applications

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice to Solicit Transit Advisory Committee for Safety Member Applications.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is seeking applications for individuals to serve as members, for two-year terms, on the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS). The TRACS provides information, advice, and recommendations to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) and FTA Administrator (Administrator) in response to tasks assigned to TRACS. The TRACS does not exercise program management responsibilities and makes no decisions directly affecting the programs on which it provides advice. The Secretary may accept or reject a recommendation made by TRACS and is not bound to pursue any recommendation from TRACS.

DATES: Interested persons must submit their applications to FTA by March 9, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Nominations

FTA invites qualified individuals interested in serving on TRACS to apply to FTA for appointment. The Administrator will recommend nominees for appointment by the Secretary. Appointments are for two-year terms; however, a member may reapply to serve additional terms, in the event that the TRACS Charter is renewed. Applicants should be knowledgeable of trends and issues related to rail transit and/or bus transit safety. Along with their experience in the rail transit and/or bus transit industry, applicants will also be evaluated and selected based on factors

including leadership and organizational skills, region of the country represented, diversity characteristics, and the overall balance of industry representation.

Each application should include the applicant's name and organizational affiliation; a cover letter describing the applicant's qualifications and interest in serving on TRACS; a curriculum vitae or resume of the applicant's qualifications; and contact information including the applicant's address, phone number, fax number, and email address. Self-application and application through nomination of others are acceptable. FTA prefers electronic submissions for all applications, via email to TRACS@dot.gov. Applications will also be accepted via mail at the address identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

FTA expects to nominate up to 25 representatives from the public transportation safety community for immediate TRACS membership. The Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, will make the final selection decision.

This notice is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. app. 2). Please see the TRACS website for additional information at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/transit-advisory-committee-safety-tracs>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2020-0035; Notice 2]

Hankook Tire America Corp., Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Grant of petition.

SUMMARY: Hankook Tire America Corp. (Hankook) has determined that certain Hankook Ventus S1 Noble2 passenger car tires do not fully comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 139, *New Pneumatic Radial Tires for Light Vehicles*, and part 574, *Tire Identification and Recordkeeping*. Hankook filed a noncompliance report dated April 23,

2020. Hankook subsequently petitioned NHTSA on May 19, 2020, for a decision that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety. This notice announces the grant of Hankook's petition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jayton Lindley, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), (325) 655-0547, Jayton.Lindley@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Overview: Hankook has determined that certain Hankook Ventus S1 Noble2 size 235/40R18W XL H452 tires do not fully comply with the requirements of paragraph S5.5.1(b) of FMVSS No. 139, *New Pneumatic Radial Tires for Light Vehicles* (49 CFR 571.139) and with the labeling requirements of Part 574.5(a) of part 574, *Tire Identification and Recordkeeping* (49 CFR 574). Hankook filed a noncompliance report dated April 23, 2020, pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, *Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports*. Hankook subsequently petitioned NHTSA on May 19, 2020, for an exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 on the basis that this noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h) and 49 CFR part 556, *Exemption for Inconsequential Defect or Noncompliance*.

Notice of receipt of Hankook's petition was published with a 30-day public comment period, on March 23, 2021, in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 15546). No comments were received. To view the petition and all supporting documents log onto the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website at <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Then follow the online search instructions to locate docket number "NHTSA-2020-0035."

II. Tires Involved: Approximately 109 Hankook Ventus S1 Noble2 size 235/40R18W XL H452 passenger car tires manufactured on August 17, 2019, and August 18, 2019, are potentially involved.

III. Noncompliance: Hankook explains that the noncompliance is due to a mold error in which the subject tires contain a tire identification number (TIN) with an inverted serial week and year (date code) as required by part 574.5(a) and paragraph S5.5.1(b) of FMVSS No. 139. Specifically, the date code portion of the TIN was printed upside down.

IV. Rule Requirements: Paragraph S5.5.1(b) of FMVSS No. 139, includes the requirements relevant to this petition:

- For tires manufactured on or after September 1, 2009, each tire must be labeled with the tire identification number required by 49 CFR part 574 on the intended outboard sidewall of the tire.

- Except for retreaded tires, if a tire does not have an intended outboard sidewall, the tire must be labeled with the tire identification number required by 49 CFR part 574 on one sidewall and with either the tire identification number or a partial tire identification number, containing all characters in the tire identification number except for the date code and, at the discretion of the manufacturer, any optional code, on the other sidewall.

V. Summary of Hankook's Petition:

The following views and arguments presented in this section, "V. Summary of Hankook's Petition," are the views and arguments provided by Hankook and do not reflect the views of the Agency. Hankook describes the subject noncompliance and contends that the noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety.

In support of its petition, Hankook submits the following reasoning:

1. The relevant information remains readily identifiable,
2. the Agency has granted a similar petition in the past (*See* 81 FR 43708 (Jul. 5, 2016)),
3. the subject tires otherwise meet the marking and performance requirements of FMVSS No. 139, and
4. Hankook is not aware of any consumer complaints, claims, or incidents related to the subject noncompliance.

Hankook's complete petition and all supporting documents are available by logging onto the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website at <https://www.regulations.gov> and by following the online search instructions to locate the docket number as listed in the title of this notice.

Hankook argues that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety, and that its petition to be exempted from providing notification of the noncompliance, as required by 49 U.S.C. 30118, and a remedy for the noncompliance, as required by 49 U.S.C. 30120, should be granted.

NHTSA's Analysis: The Agency agrees with the petitioner that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety because the nature of the labeling error would not prevent the correct identification of the tires, should the tires be recalled for a performance related noncompliance. In the subject case, the date code portion of the TIN