

inconsequential to motor vehicle safety for the following reasons:

1. While the noncompliant tires are mislabeled; the tires do in fact have the correct marking for the maximum load in pounds on the intended outboard sidewall, and the maximum load marking in both pounds and kg is correct on the intended inboard sidewall. The tires also meet or exceed all other applicable FMVSS.

2. The subject mismarking is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety and is unlikely to have an adverse impact on motor vehicle safety since the actual performance of the subject tires will not be affected by the mismarking. Bridgestone supports this belief by stating that the tires met the performance requirements of FMVSS No. 139 for endurance and high speed when tested at the 1350 kg load.

Bridgestone also points out its belief that NHTSA has previously granted similar petitions for non-compliances in sidewall marking.

Bridgestone has additionally informed NHTSA that it has corrected the noncompliance so that all future production tires will comply with FMVSS No. 139.

In summation, Bridgestone believes that the described noncompliance of its tires to meet the requirements of FMVSS No. 139 is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety, and that its petition, to exempt from providing recall notification of noncompliance as required by 49 U.S.C. 30118 and remedying the recall noncompliance as required by 49 U.S.C. 30120 should be granted.

Requirement Background:

§ 5.5 Tire markings. Except as specified in paragraphs (a) through (i) of § 5.5, each tire must be marked on each sidewall with the information specified in § 5.5(a) through (d) and on one sidewall with the information specified in § 5.5(e) through (i) according to the phase-in schedule specified in § 7 of this standard. The markings must be placed between the maximum section width and the bead on at least one sidewall, unless the maximum section width of the tire is located in an area that is not more than one-fourth of the distance from the bead to the shoulder of the tire. If the maximum section width falls within that area, those markings must appear between the bead and a point one-half the distance from the bead to the shoulder of the tire, on at least one sidewall. The markings must be in letters and numerals not less than 0.078 inches high and raised above or sunk below the tire surface not less than 0.015 inches* * *

(d) The maximum load rating and for LT tires, the letter designating the tire load range;* * *

NHTSA'S Analysis and Decision:

NHTSA believes the true measure of inconsequentiality with respect to the noncompliance with FMVSS No. 139 paragraph § 5.5(d), is whether a consumer and/or retailer who relied on the incorrect information could experience a safety problem.

In the case of this noncompliance, the subject tires are primarily sold in the domestic replacement market, where the load in pounds would be the predominant consumer unit of measurement. Thus, making the rated maximum load value marked in English units and overstated in metric unit's inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

NHTSA has conducted a series of focus groups as required by the TREAD Act, to examine consumer perceptions and understanding of tire labeling. A few of the focus group participants had knowledge of tire labeling beyond the tire brand name, tire size, and tire pressure. Since FMVSS No. 139 applies to tires sold in the U.S., and since consumers in the U.S. overwhelmingly rely on units of English measure for loading information, the safety issue associated with overloading tires as a result of the noncompliance is very small.

NHTSA has reviewed and accepts Bridgestone's analyses that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Bridgestone has provided sufficient documentation that the sidewall mismarkings do comply with all other safety performance requirements of the standard, except the sidewall mismarking.

In consideration of the foregoing, NHTSA has determined that Bridgestone has met its burden of persuasion that the subject FMVSS No. 139 sidewall marking noncompliance in the tires identified in Bridgestone's Noncompliance Information Report is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Accordingly, Bridgestone's petition is granted and Bridgestone is exempted from the obligation of providing notification of, and a remedy for, that noncompliance under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120.

NHTSA notes that the statutory provisions (49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h)) that permit manufacturers to file petitions for a determination of inconsequentiality allow NHTSA to exempt manufacturers only from the duties found in sections 30118 and 30120, respectively, to notify owners, purchasers, and dealers of a defect or noncompliance and to remedy the defect or noncompliance. Therefore, this

decision only applies to approximately 467 tires that Bridgestone no longer controlled at the time that it determined that a noncompliance existed in the subject tires. However, the granting of this petition does not relieve tire distributors and dealers of the prohibitions on the sale, offer for sale, or introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of the noncompliant tires under their control after Bridgestone notified them that the subject noncompliance existed.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.95 and 501.8.

Issued On: June 5, 2013.

Claude H. Harris,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 6, 2013.

The Department of the Treasury will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, on or after the date of publication of this notice.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before July 12, 2013 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestion for reducing the burden, to (1) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Treasury, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or email at OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV and (2) Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 8140, Washington, DC 20220, or email at PRA@treasury.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 927-5331, email at PRA@treasury.gov, or the entire information collection request maybe found at www.reginfo.gov.

Office of Financial Stability

OMB Number: 1505-0216.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Title: Troubled Asset Relief Program—Making Home Affordable Participants.

Abstract: Authorized under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act (EESA) of 2008 (Public Law 110–343), the Department of the Treasury has implemented several aspects of the Troubled Asset Relief Program. Among these components is a voluntary foreclosure prevention program, Making Home Affordable (MHA) program, under which the Department will use TARP capital to lower the mortgage payments of qualifying borrowers. The Treasury will do this through agreements with mortgage servicers to modify loans on their systems. All servicers are eligible to participate in the program.

Affected Public: Private Sector: Businesses and other for-profits.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 12,480.

Dawn D. Wolfgang,
Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 6, 2013.

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Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund

OMB Number: 1559–0024.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program Allocation Tracking System (ATS).

Abstract: The New Markets Tax Credit Program (NMTC Program) was established by Congress in 2000 to spur new or increased investments into operating businesses and real estate projects located in low-income communities. The NMTC Program attracts investment capital to low-income communities by permitting individual and corporate investors to receive a tax credit against their Federal income tax return in exchange for making equity investments in specialized financial institutions called Community Development Entities (CDEs). Via a competitive process, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) awards NMTC allocation awards to select CDEs, based upon information submitted in their NMTC Allocation Application. Entities receiving a NMTC allocation must enter into an allocation agreement with the CDFI Fund. The allocation agreement contains the terms and conditions, including all reporting requirements, associated with the receipt of a NMTC allocation. The CDFI Fund requires each CDE to use an electronic data collection and submission system, known as the Allocation Tracking System (ATS) to collect information on investors making Qualified Equity Investments in Community Development Entities.

The ATS enhances the allocatee's ability to report such information to the CDFI Fund in a timely fashion. This information is also used by the Treasury Department to (1) monitor the issuance of QEIs to ensure that no allocatee exceeds its allocation authority; (2) ensure that QEIs are issued within the timeframes required by the NMTC Program regulations and the legal agreements signed between the CDFI Fund and the allocatee; and (3) assist with NMTC Program evaluation efforts.

Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Private Sector: Businesses or other for-profits, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 9,426.

Dawn D. Wolfgang,
Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Amendment—Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

AGENCY: Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Supplement No. 9 to the Treasury Department Circular 570, 2012 Revision, published July 2, 2012, at 77 FR 39322.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874–6850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The underwriting limitation for the following company has been amended:

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company (NAIC # 23043), which was listed in the Treasury Department Circular 570, published on July 2, 2012, is hereby amended to read \$1,145,803,000.

Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Department Circular 570 (“Circular”), 2012 Revision, to reflect this change.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at www.fms.treas.gov/c570.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6F01, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: June 3, 2013.

Kevin McIntyre,
Acting Director, Financial Accounting and Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Amendment—Safeco Insurance Company of America

AGENCY: Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Supplement No. 10 to the Treasury Department Circular 570, 2012 Revision, published July 2, 2012, at 77 FR 39322.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874–6850.