

HUDs have been incorporated and researched extensively in aviation and motor vehicle applications because of their relative advantage over head-down displays (HDDs). Research in the Cab Technology Integration Lab (CTIL), FRA's locomotive simulator at the Volpe Center in Cambridge, MA, has shown that in-cab displays, such as moving maps, can lead to prolonged head-down time (Young, et al., 2015). Additionally, research done in the field in naturalistic studies using passenger vehicles has also shown that looking inside a vehicle for interface control features increases the risk of an accident (Liang, Lee, & Yekhsatyan, 2012). Thus, a HUD has real advantages over an HDD.

An investigation of alternative technologies that increase forward-track viewing time is worth pursuing.

To test the hypothesis that display communications on a HUD can reduce workload and distractions while increasing the time the engineer keeps his or her eyes on the forward track, an experiment will be run in the CTIL with four different conditions: HUD presence (present or absent) will be crossed with radio communications (present or absent). Forty train engineers will participate in the simulator study and survey data collection. The HUD will be developed and installed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

A subjective measure of workload, such as the NASA TLX, will be utilized in this study and provided to the train engineers after the simulator experiment. In addition, usability of the system will be rated with a usability scale by the train engineers. Analysis of the simulator data, workload data, and usability survey data will allow FRA to assess whether the HUD has a relative advantage over the HDD in rail, and if it could mitigate performance declines related to the radio communications.

Affected Public: Railroad Workers.

Respondent Universe: 40 Railroad Engineers.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

REPORTING BURDEN

Form No.	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response (hours)	Total annual burden hours
Form FRA F 6180.168—Simulator Survey	40 Engineers	40 surveys	6.5	260

Total Responses: 40.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 260 hours.

Type of Request: Approval of a new information collection.

Status: Regular Review.

Under 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b) and 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that FRA may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 26, 2016.

Patrick Warren,

Acting Executive Director.

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3. *Location:* U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, 300 Steamboat Road, Kings Point, NY; Schuyler Otis Bland Library, Crabtree Room.

4. *Purpose of the Meeting:* The purpose of this meeting is to brief BOV members on the State of the Academy and the Sea Year Stand Down.

5. *Public Access to the Meeting:* This meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting will need to show photo identification in order to gain access to the meeting location.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BOV's Designated Federal Officer and Point of Contact Brian Blower; 202 366–2765; Brian.Blower@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement with the Academy BOV. Written statements should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer at: Brian Blower; 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., W28–314, Washington, DC 20590 or via email at Brian.Blower@Dot.gov. (Please contact the Designated Federal Officer for information on submitting comments via fax.) Written statements must be received no later than three working days prior to the next meeting in order to provide time for member consideration. By rule, no member of the public attending open meetings will be allowed to present questions from the floor or speak to any issue under consideration by the BOV.

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 51312; 5 U.S.C. app. 552b; 41 CFR parts 102–3.140 through 102–3.165.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: October 27, 2016.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2016–0067; Notice 2]

Michelin North America, Inc., Grant of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

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

ACTION: Grant of petition.

SUMMARY: Michelin North America, Inc. (MNA), has determined that certain MNA tires do not fully comply with paragraph S5.5.1(b) of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 139, *New pneumatic radial tires for light vehicles*. MNA filed a report dated May 5, 2016, pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, *Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports*. MNA then petitioned NHTSA under 49 CFR part 556 requesting a decision that the subject noncompliance is

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors Meeting

AGENCY: Maritime Administration.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces that the following U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Academy) Board of Visitors (BOV) meeting will take place:

1. *Date:* November 14, 2016.
2. *Time:* TBD (est 10:00–10:30) a.m.

inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety.

ADDRESSES: For further information on this decision contact Abraham Diaz, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), telephone (202) 366-5310, facsimile (202) 366-5930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Overview

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h) (see implementing rule at 49 CFR part 556), MNA submitted a petition 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.

Notice of receipt of the petition was published, with a 30-day public comment period on August 3, 2016 in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 51266). No comments were received. To view the petition and all supporting documents log onto the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Web page at: <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Then follow the online search instruction to locate docket number "NHTSA-2016-0067."

II. Tires Involved

Affected are approximately 186 MNA Uniroyal Tiger Paw AWP II size P215/70R15 97T passenger car tires that were manufactured between January 10, 2016 and January 13, 2016.

III. Noncompliance

MNA explains that two of the digits in the tire identification number (TIN) that identify the week and year of manufacture were inadvertently switched. This resulted in the tires, which were manufactured in the second week of 2016, being molded with a manufacturing date of "0126" rather than the correct marking of "0216," contrary to the requirements specified in paragraph S5.5.1 of FMVSS No. 139 and 49 CFR 574.5(g)(4).

IV. Rule Text

Paragraph S5.5.1 of FMVSS No. 139 requires in pertinent part:

S5.5.1 Tire Identification Number.

(b) *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.

49 CFR 574.5(g)(4) provides that the fourth grouping of symbols within the tire identification number shall "identify the week and year of

manufacture." The regulation specifies that "[t]he first and second symbols of the date code must identify the week of the year," and "[t]he third and fourth symbols of the date code identify the last two digits of the year of manufacture." Applying these requirements, the subject tires, which were manufactured during week 2 of 2016, should display "0216" as the date code, but instead display "0126" as the date code.

V. Summary of MNA's Petition

MNA believes that this noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety.

In support of its petition, MNA submitted the following information and analysis of the subject noncompliance:

1. MNA stated that although the date code is not correct, it specifies a date well into the future and thus offers a unique identification for the subject tires. Furthermore, the incorrect but unique coding has been recorded in MNA's records and can be used to identify the subject tires in the event of a future market action.

2. MNA also stated that there should be no risk of duplication of the TIN in the future since the current 2 digit plant code will be replaced with a 3 digit plant code by April 25, 2025, thus creating a new TIN sequence prior to week 1 of 2026 (the date inadvertently specified on the subject tires).

3. MNA further noted that the incorrect date code does not compromise the ability to register the tire. Tire registration cards accept the date as marked (0126). Moreover, the Uniroyal tire registration Web page accepts the TIN with the date as described.

4. MNA also stated that Michelin's consumer care team has been informed should there be any questions from a consumer or dealer.

5. MNA concluded by noting that all other markings on the subject tires conform to the applicable regulations and meet all performance requirements of FMVSS No. 139.

In its part 573 Report, MNA stated that there is no imminent safety risk associated with the mismarking.

In summation, MNA believes that the described noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety, and that its petition, to exempt MNA 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 Decision

NHTSA's Analysis: The agency believes that in the case of a tire labeling noncompliance, one measure of its inconsequentiality to motor vehicle safety is whether the mislabeling would affect the manufacturer's or consumer's ability to identify the mislabeled tires properly, should the tires be recalled for performance related noncompliance.

After review of MNA's petition, NHTSA believes that the mislabeling of the date code would not create confusion with manufacturers or consumers should there be a recall since MNA has taken the following measures that would enable correct tire registration: (1) Accepting registration cards for tires that have an incorrectly labeled date code, (2) accepting internet registration through their Web page for tires that have an incorrectly labeled date code, and (3) informing their consumer care team about how to address the mislabeling in response to customers' inquiries.

NHTSA's Decision: In consideration of the foregoing, NHTSA finds that MNA has met its burden of persuasion that the subject FMVSS No. 139 noncompliance in the affected tires is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Accordingly, MNA's petition is hereby granted and MNA is consequently exempted from the obligation of providing notification of, and a free 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 on this petition only applies to the subject tires that MNA no longer controlled at the time it determined that the noncompliance existed. However, the granting of this petition does not relieve equipment 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 MNA 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).

Jeffrey M. Giuseppe,
Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Notices and Correspondence Project Committee: Correction

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting: Correction.

SUMMARY: In the **Federal Register** notice that was originally published on October 11, 2016 (Volume 81, Number 196, Page 70277) the date will be changed from Wednesday, November 23, 2016 to Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa Singleton at 1-888-912-1227 or 202-317-3329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that a meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Notices and Correspondence Project Committee will be held Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time via teleconference. The public is invited to make oral comments or submit written statements for consideration. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate must be made with Theresa Singleton. For more information please contact: Theresa Singleton at 1-888-912-1227 or 202-317-3329, TAP Office, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 1509—National Office, Washington, DC 20224, or contact us at the Web site: <http://www.improveirs.org>. The agenda will include a discussion on various letters, and other issues related to written communications from the IRS.

Dated: October 25, 2016.

Antoinette Ross,
Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.
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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of official public release of the Commission's 2016 Annual Report to Congress on November 16, 2016, Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Name: Dennis C. Shea, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, and report to Congress annually on "the national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China." Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold an official public release of the Commission's 2016 Annual Report to Congress on November 16, 2016.

Purpose of Meeting

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold an official public conference in Washington, DC to release the 2016 Annual Report on November 16, 2016.

The Commission is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) with the enactment of the Science, State, Justice, Commerce and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 that was signed into law on November 22, 2005 (Pub. L. 109-108). In accord with FACA, meetings of the Commission to make decisions concerning the substance and recommendations of its 2016 Annual Report to Congress are open to the public.

Topics Addressed

The Commission's 2016 Annual Report contains the following chapters and sections:

Executive Summary

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Chapter 1 : U.S.-China Economic and Trade Relations

Section 1: Year in Review: Economics and Trade

Section 2: State-Owned Enterprises, Overcapacity, and China's Market Economy Status

Section 3: 13th Five-Year Plan

Chapter 2: U.S.-China Security Relations

Section 1: Year in Review: Security and Foreign Affairs

Section 2: China's Force Projection and Expeditionary Capabilities

Section 3: China's Intelligence Services and Espionage Threats to the United States

Chapter 3: China and the World

Section 1: China and South Asia

Section 2: China and Taiwan

Section 3: China and Hong Kong

Section 4: China and North Korea

Chapter 4: China and the U.S. Rebalance to Asia

Location, Date and Time

Hart Senate Office Building, Room 902. Wednesday, November 16, 2016, Time TBA. Please check our Web site, www.uscc.gov, for possible changes to the public meeting location and time. *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Leslie Tisdale, 444 North Capitol Street NW., Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; phone: 202-624-1496, or via email at LTisdale@uscc.gov. *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005), as amended by Public Law 113-291 (December 19, 2014).

Dated: October 28, 2016.

Michael Danis,

Executive Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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