

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The proposed policy statement is available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.faa.gov/avr/air/anm/draftpolicy/interim.htm>. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can obtain a copy of the policy statement by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The FAA invites your comments on this proposed policy statement. We will accept your comments, data, views, or arguments by letter, fax, or e-mail. Send your comments to the person indicated in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Mark your comments, "Comments to Policy Statement ANM-01-111-165."

Use the following format when preparing your comments:

- Organize your comments issue-by-issue.
- For each issue, state what specific change you are requesting to the proposed general statement of policy.
- Include justification, reasons, or data for each change you are requesting.

We also welcome comments in support of the proposed policy.

We will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments. We may change the proposed policy because of the comments received.

Background

The policy contained in the memorandum should be applied to all transport airplane programs for an acceptable method of compliance with 14 CFR part 25 for inseat power supply systems (ISPSS) installations.

This policy covers the approval of low voltage and high voltage systems. Nominal output voltages differing from the typical voltage values specified above may also be considered for approval using the guidelines specified in this policy.

This policy does not cover the approval of the use of such portable electrical devices or any interconnecting means used to power such equipment onboard an aircraft.

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Vi L. Lipski,

Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2001-9548; Notice 2]

Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., Grant of Application for Decision That Noncompliance Is Inconsequential to Motor Vehicle Safety

Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc. (Bridgestone) has determined that approximately 442,479 tires of various sizes and types do not meet the labeling requirements mandated by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 109, "New Pneumatic Tires." Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h), Bridgestone petitioned for a determination that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety and has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports."

Notice of receipt of the application was published on May 8, 2001, with a 30-day comment period (66 FR 23316). NHTSA received no comments on this application.

The petition covers multiple sizes and types of tires produced in Bridgestone's Wilson, North Carolina, plant during the last week of 2000 and the first week of 2001. The 442,479 affected tires were marked with the incorrect DOT week/year in the DOT serial, the numbering scheme specified for tire manufacture date in 49 CFR Part 574.5, "Tire Identification and Record Keeping, Tire Identification Requirements."

According to Bridgestone, some tires produced during the last production week of 2000 (December 31, 2000 through January 6, 2001) were incorrectly marked with a date of 0101. The correct marking of the four-digit date code for that week is 5300. The remaining noncompliant tires were incorrectly marked 0201 for the week of January 7, 2001 through January 13, 2001. The correct marking for that production week is 0101.

Bridgestone stated that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety because all affected tires meet all requirements of 49 CFR 571.109, except paragraph S4.3, *Labeling Requirements*. Also, according to Bridgestone, the erroneous date of manufacture marked on the tires can still be used by the company to identify the tires in the event of a recall, which is the primary purpose for the date of manufacture labeling requirement.

The agency believes that the true measure of inconsequentiality to motor vehicle safety in this case is the effect of the noncompliance on the ability of

the tire manufacturer to identify the tires in the event of recall. In this case, the manufacturer did not omit any of the information required by FMVSS No. 109 or the 49 CFR part 574.5, but labeled the date code portion of the tire identification incorrectly. Additionally, the manufacturer's report to the agency (49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports") indicated that the noncompliant tires are documented in the company's records. Based on the information provided by Bridgestone, the agency believes the information included on the tire identification label and the manufacturer's tire production records is sufficient to insure that these tires can be identified in the event of a recall.

In consideration of the foregoing, NHTSA has decided that the applicant has met its burden of persuasion, and that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Accordingly, Bridgestone's application is granted and the company is exempted from providing the notification of the noncompliance that would be required by 49 U.S.C. 30118, and from remedying the noncompliance, as would be required by 49 U.S.C. 30120.

(49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

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Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the date, time, and location for the quarterly meeting of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations (COAC), and the provisional agenda for consideration by the Committee.

DATES: The next meeting of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service will be held on Friday, September 14, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. in Detroit, MI. The duration of the meeting will be approximately four hours.

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