

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****National Highway Traffic Safety Administration****Reports, Forms and Record Keeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted regarding the Uniform Tire Quality Grading Standard (UTQGS) below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on October 22, 2010 [75 FR 65395].

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 15, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Hisham Mohamed at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy and Consumer Programs (NVS-131), 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE., W43-437, Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Mohamed's telephone number is (202) 366-0307.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

*Title:* 49 CFR Part 575.104; Uniform Tire Quality Grading Standard.

*OMB Number:* 2127-0519.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Part 575 requires tire manufacturers and tire brand name owners to submit reports to NHTSA regarding the UTQGS grades of all passenger car tire lines they offer for sale in the United States. This information is used by consumers of passenger car tires to compare tire quality in making their purchase decisions. The information is provided in several different ways to insure that the consumer can readily see and understand the tire grades: (1) The grades are molded into the sidewall of the tire so that they can be reviewed on both the new and old tires; (2) a paper label is affixed to the tread face of the new tires that provides the grades of that particular tireline along with an explanation of the grading system; (3)

the tire manufacturer or brand name owner provides prospective purchasers of tires the information for each tire offered for sale at the particular location; (4) vehicle manufacturers include in the owner's manual of each vehicle the grade information for the tires with which the vehicle is equipped; (5) NHTSA compiles the grading information of all manufacturers' tirelines into a booklet that is available to the public both in printed form and on NHTSA's Web site.

*Affected Public:* All passenger car tire manufacturers and brand name owners offering passenger car tires for sale in the United States.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* NHTSA estimates that a cost of approximately \$25.5 million to tire manufacturers is required to comply with this regulation.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

*Comments are invited on:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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**Joseph Carra,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

**[Docket No. NHTSA-2010-0177; Notice 1]**

**OSRAM SYLVANIA Products, Inc., Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance**

OSRAM SYLVANIA Products, Inc., (OSRAM SYLVANIA)<sup>1</sup>, has determined

that certain Type "H11 C" light sources that it manufactured fail to meet the requirements of paragraph S7.7 of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 108, *Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment*. OSRAM SYLVANIA has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, *Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports*, dated August 24, 2010.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h) (see implementing rule at 49 CFR part 556), OSRAM SYLVANIA has petitioned for an exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. chapter 301 on the basis that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

This notice of receipt of OSRAM SYLVANIA's petition is published under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120 and does not represent any agency decision or other exercise of judgment concerning the merits of the petition.

OSRAM SYLVANIA estimates that approximately 28,412 "H11 C" light sources (bulbs) that it manufactured on June 23 and 24, 2010 are affected. All of the affected light sources were manufactured by OSRAM GmbH, Industriestrasse, Herbrechtingen, Germany.

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 allows 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.

Paragraph S7.7 of FMVSS No. 108 requires in pertinent part:

S7.7 Replaceable light sources. Each replaceable light source shall be designed to conform to the dimensions and electrical specifications furnished with respect to it pursuant to part 564 of this chapter, and shall conform to the following requirements:

(a) If other than an HB Type, the light source shall be marked with the bulb marking designation specified for it in compliance with Appendix A or Appendix B of part 564 of this chapter. The base of each HB Type shall be marked with its HB Type designation. Each replaceable light source shall also be marked with the symbol DOT and with a name or trademark in accordance with paragraph S7.2\* \* \*

OSRAM SYLVANIA described the noncompliance as the mismarking of type "H11 C" lighting sources as type "H11."

<sup>1</sup> OSRAM SYLVANIA Products, Inc., is organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and is a

manufacturer and importer of replacement equipment.