

The hearing will be an informal one and will be conducted in accordance with Rule 25 of the FRA Rules of Practice (49 CFR Part 211.25), by a representative designated by the FRA.

The hearing will be a nonadversary proceeding and, therefore, there will be no cross-examination of persons presenting statements. The FRA representative will make an opening statement outlining the scope of the hearing. After all initial statements have been completed, those persons wishing to make brief rebuttal statements will be given the opportunity to do so in the same order in which they made their initial statements. Additional procedures, if necessary for the conduct of the hearing, will be announced at the hearing.

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Phil Olekszyk,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Compliance and Program Implementation.
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. 95-71; Notice 1]

Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc.; Receipt of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc. (Bridgestone/Firestone) of Nashville, Tennessee, has determined that some of its tires fail to comply with the labeling requirements of 49 CFR 571.119, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 119, "New Pneumatic Tires for Vehicles Other Than Passenger Cars," and has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." Bridgestone/Firestone has also applied to be exempted from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301—"Motor Vehicle Safety" on the basis that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

This notice of receipt of an application 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 application.

In FMVSS No. 119, Paragraph S6.5(b) specifies that each tire shall be marked with "[t]he tire identification number required by Part 574 [Tire Identification and Recordkeeping] of this chapter." In Part 574.5, Paragraphs (a) through (d) contain information which must be placed on the tire. Paragraphs (a)

through (c) contain information relating to the identification of the manufacturer and tire size. Paragraph (d) contains information relating to the specification of a code for the date of manufacture. Paragraph (d) states that the date code "shall immediately follow" the information specified in Paragraphs (a) through (c).

During the period of July 17, 1994 through April 24, 1995, Bridgestone/Firestone produced 19,563 tires which had incorrect serial numbers. The sizes of the subject tires are 8.25-20, 9.00-20, 10.00-20, and 11.00-20. In the incorrect serial numbers, the date code is at the beginning of the number rather than at the end, as required. The tires are labeled as "384 V52JEFD" instead of the required "V52JEFD 384." The date code is "384."

Bridgestone/Firestone supports its application for inconsequential noncompliance with the following:

First, all tires manufactured in the affected size/type meet all requirements of Standard 119 except tire markings pertaining to [S6.5(b)].

Second, if there would be a need for the consumer or manufacturer representative (BFS) to read the serial, sufficient information exists to define the manufacturing location as Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., Mexico City, Mexico. This situation has been reviewed with our Registration company and can be adequately handled.

Thirdly, a principal need for tire serials is identification for recall purposes. In the event of any future recall of these tires, the recall letter would explain the transposed marking.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on the application of Bridgestone/Firestone described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: Docket Section, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5109, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. It is requested but not required that six copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated below will be considered. The application and supporting materials, and all comments received after the closing date, will also be filed and will be considered to the extent possible. When the application is granted or denied, the notice will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Comment closing date: September 20, 1995.

(15 U.S.C. 1417; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

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Barry Felrice,

Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

[Treasury Order Number 101-20]

Administering the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Authority Delegation

Dated: August 14, 1995.

1. By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Treasury by 31 U.S.C. 321 (b), I hereby delegate to the Under Secretary (Domestic Finance) all duties, powers, rights and obligations vested in the Secretary for purposes of administering the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund pursuant to the final proviso of the appropriation titled "Department of the Treasury—Community Development Financial Institutions Fund—Program Account" in chapter X of title I of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Additional Disaster Assistance, for Anti-terrorism Initiatives, for Assistance in the Recovery from the Tragedy that Occurred at Oklahoma City, and Rescissions Act, 1995 (Public Law No. 104-19, July 27, 1995).

2. The Under Secretary (Domestic Finance) is designated as an officer of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund pursuant to section 104 (b) (3) of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994, subtitle A of title I of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 (Public Law No. 103-325, September 23, 1994). The Under Secretary may designate such other officers of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund as the Under Secretary determines to be necessary or appropriate.

3. The Under Secretary (Domestic Finance) may redelegate such of the authority under this Order as the Under Secretary deems appropriate.

Robert E. Rubin,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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