

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

[Docket No. NHTSA-2001-9548; Notice 1]

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

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 has 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."

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.

The petition affects multiple size and type tires produced in Bridgestone's Wilson, North Carolina plant during DOT week 53 Year 2000 and DOT week 01 Year 2001. The 442,479 affected tires were mis-marked with the incorrect DOT week/year in the DOT serial, the numbering scheme designated for tire manufacture date.

Bridgestone states that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety because all affected tires meet all requirements of 49 CFR 571.109, except paragraph S54.3. Also, according to Bridgestone, the date marked on the tires is incorrect but it can be used to identify the tires in the event of a recall, which is the primary purpose for the requirement of the date marking.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on the application described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20590. It is requested that two 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: June 7, 2001.

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

Issued on: May 3, 2001.

Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs Administration**

[Docket No. RSPA-98-4957; Notice 29]

Pipeline Safety: Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Pipeline Incident and Annual Report Forms

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for OMB Approval and Public Comment.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) published its intention to revise forms RSPA F 7100.2—Incident Report For Gas Transmission and Gathering Systems and RSPA F 7100.2-1—Annual Report For Gas Transmission and Gathering Systems (65 FR 47585-86 August 2, 2000). The purpose of this notice is to give the public an additional 30 days from the date of this notice to comment on the proposed changes in the natural gas transmission forms, and the information collection burden for both the revised natural gas transmission forms and the existing natural gas distribution forms. The natural gas distribution incident and annual report forms are not being revised at this time. Comments to the initial public comment request have been summarized in this notice.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before June 7, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger Little by telephone at 202-366-4569, by fax at 202-366-4566, by mail at U.S. Department of Transportation, RSPA, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 7128, Washington, DC, 20590, or by e-mail to roger.little@rspa.dot.gov.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this proposed information collection and the revised forms, RSPA F 7100.2—Incident Report for Gas Transmission and Gathering Systems and RSPA F 7100.2-1—annual Report for Gas Transmission and Gathering Systems, can be reviewed in

this docket at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Comments should be sent directly to the Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management Budget, ATTN: RSPA Desk Officer, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503. See the Supplementary Information Section for additional filing information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Filing Information**

The Dockets facility is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. All comments should identify the docket number of this notice, Docket No. RSPA-98-4957; Notice 29. You should submit the original and one copy. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your comments, you must include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. To file written comments electronically, after logging onto <http://dms.dot.gov>, click on "Electronic Submission." You can read comments and other material in the docket at this Web address: <http://dms.dot.gov>. General information about our pipeline safety program is available at this address: <http://ops.dot.gov>.

Background

RSPA posted a notice on August 2, 2000 in the Federal Register (Docket No. RSPA-98-4957) inviting comments on RSPA's proposed revisions to the Natural Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipeline Incident and Annual Report forms. This notice summarizes comments received during the comment period and updates the cost burden estimate for the revised natural gas transmission forms. Additionally, this notice updates the cost burden estimates for the existing Natural Gas Distribution Incident and Annual Report forms, which RSPA will consider revising at a later time.

To ensure adequate public protection from exposure to potential natural gas transmission pipeline failures, RSPA collects information on reportable transmission pipeline incidents. Additional information is also obtained concerning the characteristics of an operator's pipeline system, needed for normalizing the incident information in order to provide for adequate safety trending. The requirements for reporting incidents are found in 49 CFR part 191. Reports on transmission incidents must be submitted to RSPA in writing within 30 days of occurrence. The regulations require submission of the natural gas transmission annual report form by