

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons may obtain a copy of this booklet by contacting the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 10 am to 5 pm].

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Rosalind Proctor, Chief, Consumer Standards Division, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590 (202-366-0846).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 201(e) of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act, 15 U.S.C. 1941(e), on March 5, 1993, 58 FR 12545, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) amended 49 CFR part 582, *Insurance Cost Information Regulation*, to require all dealers of automobiles to distribute to prospective customers information that compares differences in insurance costs of different makes and models of passenger cars based on differences in damage susceptibility. On March 17, 1994, NHTSA denied a petition submitted by the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) for NHTSA to reconsider part 582 insofar as it requires all automobile dealers to prepare the requisite number of copies for distribution of the insurance cost information to prospective purchasers. 59 FR 13630.

On March 24, 1995, NHTSA published a Final Rule to amend part 582 in a number of respects. 60 FR 15509. These changes included wording clarifications and a change in the availability date of the booklet.

Pursuant to 49 CFR 582.4, all automobile dealers are required to make available to prospective purchasers booklets that include this comparative information as well as certain mandatory explanatory text that is set out in section 582.5. Early each year, NHTSA publishes the annual **Federal Register** document updating the Highway Loss Data Institute's (HLDI) December Insurance Collision Report. Booklets reflecting the updated data must be available for distribution to prospective purchasers without charge within 30 days from the date of the **Federal Register**.

NHTSA is mailing a copy of the 2003 booklet to each dealer on the mailing list that the Department of Energy uses to distribute the "Gas Mileage Guide." Dealers will have the responsibility of reproducing a sufficient number of copies of the booklet to assure that they are available for retention by prospective purchasers by March 7, 2003. Dealers who do not receive a copy of the booklet within 15 days of the date

of this notice should contact Ms. Rosalind Proctor of NHTSA's Office of Planning and Consumer Standards (202) 366-0846 to receive a copy of the booklet and to be added to the mailing list. Dealers may also obtain a copy of the booklet through the NHTSA web page at: [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/studies/InsCost](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/studies/InsCost).

(49 U.S.C. 32302; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50(f).)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2003-14371; Notice 1]

#### Cooper Tire & Rubber Company; Receipt of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company (Cooper) has determined that certain Mastercraft Avenger GT brand tires in the P275/60R15 size 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), Cooper 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 noncompliance with S4.3(e) relates to the mold number. The Findlay, Ohio tire manufacturing facility had one (1) Mold involved in production during the twenty-third and thirty-second production weeks of 2002 in which one size designation was incorrectly stated. The subject tires were molded with the correct size designation P275/60R15 on both upper sidewalls and on the lower sidewall area on the DOT serial number side. However, on the side opposite the DOT serial number, they were stamped with an incorrect size designation of P275/80R15 in the lower sidewall area.

The incorrect size designation was removed from the mold and the correct side designation inserted; however,

prior to the mold being correctly stamped, 5,706 tires were inadvertently shipped marked with the one incorrect size designation.

Cooper states that the incorrect size designation on each tire does not present a safety-related defect. The incorrect marking is the series designation. In the two most prominent locations and the serial side of the tire, the series designation is correct. Additionally, there is not a P275/15 manufactured in an 80 series. The noncompliant tires produced from the involved mold during the aforementioned production periods comply with all other requirements of 49 CFR 571.109.

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: March 7, 2003.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-2003-14307 (Notice No. 03-1)]

#### Information Collection Activities

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, RSPA invites comments on certain information collections pertaining to hazardous materials transportation for which RSPA intends to request approval