II. The Privacy Act

The Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) governs the means by which the United States Government collects, maintains, and uses personally identifiable information (PII) in a system of records. A “system of records” is a group of any records under the control of a Federal agency from which information about individuals is retrieved by name or other personal identifier.

The Privacy Act requires each agency to publish in the Federal Register a system of records notice (SORN) identifying and describing each system of records the agency maintains, including the purposes for which the agency uses PII in the system, the routine uses for which the agency discloses such information outside the agency, and how individuals to whom a Privacy Act record pertains can exercise their rights under the Privacy Act (e.g., to determine if the system contains information about them).

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(r), a report on the establishment of this system of records has been sent to Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget.

System Number: DOT/ALL 22

SYSTEM NAME: Emergency Contact Records (ECR)—Not Covered by Notices of Other Agencies.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: Unclassified, sensitive.

SYSTEM LOCATION: These records are maintained at all Department of Transportation (DOT) Headquarters offices and field locations, for all DOT components. Locations are available from http://www.dot.gov.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM OF RECORDS: Record subjects are current and former DOT employees, detailers and contractor personnel.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM: The system includes emergency contact records not covered by OPM/GOVT–1, including but not limited to records that particular DOT offices create for emergency-related programs (such as emergency response, building evacuation and continuity of operations); that DOT supervisors and administrative assistants create for their general office administrative purposes; and that DOT components use to provide mass notifications to employees. The records contain personal contact information for employees, detailers and contractor personnel.
personnel and for their designated contacts (e.g., relatives, friends), and may include the following personally-identifiable information (PII) about them:

- Personal cell phone number, home telephone number, home fax number, home address, home e-mail address;
- Information about the personnel member’s skills, position, and assignment to or membership on an emergency response team (such as a continuity of operations cadre or a field incident response team), to facilitate their deployment in an emergency;
- Work location information, which may include zip code or geophysical information system data to facilitate mapping of locations where the personnel member is working;
- Special needs information such as medical conditions or mobility requirements (such information is not routinely collected but may be included if a personnel member provides it voluntarily); and
- The personnel member’s relationship to any third-party contacts he or she designates.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:


PURPOSE(S):

Emergency contact records are used by DOT human resources specialists, security, safety and emergency response coordinators, members of emergency response teams and other work units, and supervisors and administrative assistants, on a need to know basis, for the reasons such as the following:

- To identify and locate emergency personnel to work during emergencies, office dismissal or closure situations;
- To identify and locate mission-critical emergency personnel to participate in continuity of operations exercises and to provide continuity of operations during national security, natural disaster, pandemic flu and similar situations;
- To account for and maintain communication with personnel during an office closure, building evacuation, natural disaster, pandemic flu or other office emergency (e.g., to make telework or leave arrangements), or to contact them about an urgent work matter (e.g., during off-duty hours);
- To notify designated third-party contact(s) to help locate a personnel member who is absent without leave, or to assist a personnel member in an evacuation or if he or she is injured, ill or incapacitated at work; and
- To deliver an identical automated message to all of the component’s or office’s personnel, alerting them to conditions such as power outages, road closings and extreme weather.

Any special needs, medical condition or similar information contained in the records is maintained and used in accordance with relevant provisions of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 791, et seq., and implementing regulations at 29 CFR parts 1614 and 1630, and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 at 42 U.S.C. 2000H et seq.. Contractor personnel and detailees assisting DOT may have access to and use information in these systems; for example, DOT may use contractors to provide emergency notification and communication services or system administrative services for databases containing the records.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

DOT shares contact information about emergency personnel and mission-critical emergency personnel who are assigned to DOT emergency-related programs with Federal, State and local governmental agencies or executive offices, relief agencies, 501c3s, and non-governmental organizations, when disclosure is appropriate for proper coordination of security, protective, and other official operations and functions in response to or in preparation for emergency situations.

Other possible routine uses of the information, applicable to all DOT Privacy Act systems of records, are published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 19476 (April 11, 2000), under “Prefatory Statement of General Routine Uses” (available at http://www.dot.gov/privacy/privacyactnotices).

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

None.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM—

STORAGE:

Electronic databases and paper file folders.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records may be retrieved by the individual record subject’s name, location, telephone number, special identification numbers or codes assigned only for these records, and/or other personal identifier.

SAFEGUARDS:

Only personnel with a need to know are authorized to access the records. Access to electronic records is controlled by password and limited according to job function. Personnel may be allowed access to their own entries, to edit or update them. Access to hard-copy records is controlled by lock and key or by access to a secure area.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Pursuant to General Records Schedule 18, Item 27, contact records maintained for emergency-related programs are destroyed 3 years after issuance of a new emergency plan or directive. Pursuant to General Records Schedule 1, Item 18, other emergency contact records (such as those maintained by supervisors and administrative assistants) are destroyed when superseded or obsolete or within one year after separation or transfer of the personnel member.

SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:

The DOT Office of Intelligence, Security and Emergency Response, the Human Resources Office, the Head of the individual record subject’s employing office, or the supervisor or administrative assistant for the work group or unit.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

At any time, the record subject (the individual personnel member) may contact the System Manager to request access to review his or her personal information in the system and request changes, as appropriate. A requester must provide suitable identification and may be required to sign a written request, including but not limited to the requester’s name, mailing address, telephone number and/or e-mail address, a description of the records requested, and a sworn statement (either a signed, notarized statement or a statement signed under penalty of perjury) that the requester is the individual who he or she claims to be.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Same as indicated under “Notification procedure.”

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURE:

Same as indicated under “Notification procedure.”
JCA Corporation (JCA) has determined that certain Trail America brand Special Trailer “ST” tires that it manufactured failed to meet the requirements of paragraph S6.5(d) of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 119, New Pneumatic Tires for Motor Vehicles with a GVWR of more than 4,536 Kilograms (10,000 Pounds) and Motorcycles. JCA has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports, dated October 19, 2009.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h) (see implementing rule at 49 CFR part 556), JCA 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 JCA’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.

JCA estimates that approximately 899,804 Trail America brand Special Trailer “ST” tires that were manufactured from January 1, 2008, through October 15, 2009, by Tianjin Kings Glory Tire Company, LTD. of Qiaosandao, Yangliuqing, Xiqing Tianjin, China 300380, and imported by JCA are affected. Paragraph S6.5 of FMVSS No. 119 requires in pertinent part:

S6.5 Tire markings. Except as specified in this paragraph, each tire shall be marked on each sidewall with the information specified in paragraphs (a) through (j) of this section. The markings shall be placed between the maximum section width (exclusive of sidewall decorations or curb ribs) and the bead on at least one sidewall, unless the maximum section width of the tire is located in an area which is not more than one-fourth of the distance from the bead to the shoulder of the tire. If the maximum section width falls within that area, the markings shall appear between the bead and a point one-half the distance from the bead to the shoulder of the tire, on at least one sidewall. The markings shall be in letters and numerals not less than 2 mm (0.078 inch) high and raised above or sunk below the tire surface not less than 0.4 mm (0.015 inch), except that the marking depth shall be not less than 0.25mm (0.010 inch) in the case of motorcycle tires. The tire identification and the DOT symbol labeling shall comply with paragraph 574 of this chapter. Markings may appear on only one sidewall and the entire sidewall area may be used in the case of motorcycle tires and recreational, boat, baggage, and special trailer tires.

(d) The maximum load rating and corresponding inflation pressure of the tire, shown as follows: * * *

(Mark on tires rated only for single load):
Max load — kg (— lb) at — kPa (—— psi) cold.

JCA states that the noncompliance is that the maximum single load labeling and maximum inflation pressures on the sidewalls of the tires are in English units of “lb” and “psi” only, no Metric units are included as required by paragraph S6.5(d) of FMVSS No. 119. JCA explained that no property damage or accidents have been reported to it or its customers as a result of the subject noncompliance. JCA further explains that it has taken steps to correct the noncompliance in future production.

JCA also states that it believes the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety because the affected tires fulfill all other relevant requirements of FMVSS No. 119. Supported by the above stated reasons, JCA believes that the described noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety and that it, in accordance with its petition, to exempt it from providing recall notification of noncompliance as required by 49 U.S.C. 30118 and remedying the recall noncompliance as required by 49 U.S.C. 30120, should be granted.

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 allow 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.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on this petition. Comments must refer to the docket and notice number cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted by any of the following methods:

a. By mail addressed to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

b. By hand delivery to U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 am to 5 pm except Federal Holidays.


Comments must be written in the English language, and be no greater than 15 pages in length, although there is no limit to the length of necessary attachments to the comments. If comments are submitted in hard copy form, please ensure that two copies are provided. If you wish to receive confirmation that your comments were received, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard with the comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Documents submitted to a docket may be viewed by anyone at the address and times given above. The documents may also be viewed on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov by following the online instructions for accessing the docket. DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement is available for review in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78).