

chapter 301 on the basis that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

Notice of receipt of Continental's petition was published, with a 30-day public comment period, on April 7, 2010, in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 17830). No comments were received. To view the petition and all supporting documents log onto the Federal Docket Management System Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Then follow the online search instructions to locate docket number "NHTSA-2010-0024."

For further information on this decision, contact Mr. George Gillespie, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), telephone (202) 366-5299, facsimile (202) 366-7002.

Affected are approximately 28,169 size 235/55R18 100V SL Continental brand CrossContact UHP model passenger car tires manufactured between March of 2007 and June of 2009 at Continental's plant located in Otrokovice, Czech Republic. A total of 8,858 of these tires have been delivered to Continental's customers. The remaining tires (approximately 19,311) are being held in Continental's possession until they can be correctly relabeled.

Continental explains that the noncompliance is that, due to a mold stamping anomaly, the sidewall marking on the tires incorrectly describes the actual generic name and number of the body plies. Specifically, the tires in question were inadvertently manufactured with "TREAD 6 PLYES: 2 POLYESTER + 2 STEEL + 2 NYLON; SIDEWALL 2 PLY POLYESTER." The labeling should have been "TREAD 5 PLYES: 1 RAYON + 2 STEEL + 2 NYLON; SIDEWALL 1 PLY RAYON." Continental states that all other sidewall identification markings and safety information are correct.

Continental argues that this non-compliant sidewall marking is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety as it "does not affect the safety, performance and durability of the tire; the tires were built as designed." In addition, Continental states that the tires comply with all other NHTSA requirements.

Continental said that it performs ongoing compliance testing "to assure tire performance" and that "all tires included in this petition will meet or exceed the performance requirements of FMVSS 139." Continental further states that "there will be no operational impact on the performance or safety of vehicles on which these tires are mounted."

Continental points out that NHTSA has previously granted similar petitions for non-compliances in sidewall marking.

Continental also stated that it has corrected the problem that caused these errors so that they will not be repeated in future production.

In summation, Continental states that it believes that because the noncompliances are inconsequential to motor vehicle safety that no corrective action is warranted.

**NHTSA Decision:** The agency agrees with Continental that the noncompliances are inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. The agency believes that the true measure of inconsequentiality to motor vehicle safety in this case is that there is no effect of the noncompliances on the operational safety of vehicles on which these tires are mounted. The safety of people working in the tire retread, repair, and recycling industries must also be considered. Although tire construction affects the strength and durability, neither the agency nor the tire industry provides information relating tire strength and durability to the number of plies and types of ply cord material in the tread and sidewall. Therefore, tire dealers and customers should consider the tire construction information along with other information such as load capacity, maximum inflation pressure, and tread wear, temperature, and traction ratings, to assess performance capabilities of various tires. In the agency's judgment, the incorrect labeling of the tire construction information will have an inconsequential effect on motor vehicle safety because most consumers do not base tire purchases or vehicle operation parameters on the ply material in a tire.

The agency also believes the noncompliance will have no measureable effect on the safety of the tire retread, repair, and recycling industries. The use of steel cord construction in the sidewall and tread is the primary safety concern of these industries. In this case, since the tire sidewalls do not contain steel plies, this potential safety concern does not exist.

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. Therefore, this

decision only applies to the 8,858<sup>1</sup> tires that Continental no longer controlled at the time that it determined that a noncompliance existed in the subject vehicles.

In consideration of the foregoing, NHTSA has decided that Continental has met its burden of persuasion that the subject FMVSS No. 139 labeling noncompliances are inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Accordingly, Continental's petition is granted and the petitioner is exempted from the obligation of providing notification of, and a remedy for, the subject noncompliance under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; delegations of authority at CFR 1.50 and 501.8

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**Claude H. Harris,**

*Director, Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 10, 2011.

The Department of the Treasury will submit the following public information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 on or after the publication date of this notice. A copy of the submission may be obtained by calling the Bureau Information Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 11010, Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 19, 2011 to be assured of consideration.

### Office of Financial Education and Financial Access

*OMB Number: 1505-XXXX.*

<sup>1</sup> Continental's petition, which was filed under 49 CFR part 556, requests an agency decision to exempt Continental as a manufacturer from the notification and recall responsibilities of 49 CFR part 573 for 8,858 of the affected tires. However, the agency cannot relieve distributors and dealers of the prohibitions on the sale, offer for sale, or introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of the noncompliant tires under their control after Continental notified them that the subject noncompliance existed.

*Type of Review:* New collection.  
*Title:* Assessing Financial Capability Outcomes.

*Abstract:* Pursuant to the Title XII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Financial Protection Act (Pub. L. 111–203), the Department of the Treasury is implementing an Assessing Financial Capability Outcomes pilot to determine whether the close integration of financial access (access to an account at a financial institution) and financial education delivered in a timely, relevant, and actionable manner, will create significant impact on the financial behaviors and/or outcomes of participants. The information collected will be used for research, to promote the Treasury's understanding of likely outcomes of financial capability interventions.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, non-profit organizations, state, tribal or local government entities, businesses or other for-profit entities.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,400.

*Treasury Clearance Officer:* Louisa M. Quittman, Director, Community Programs, Office of Financial Education and Financial Access, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220. (202) 622–5770.

*OMB Reviewer:* Shagufta Ahmed, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503; (202) 395–7873.

**Robert Dahl,**

*Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

#### Agency Information Collection Activities Proposed Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

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

**SUMMARY:** The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the OCC is soliciting comment concerning its extension, without change, of an information collection titled “Debt

Cancellation Contracts and Debt Suspension Agreements—12 CFR 37.” In addition, the OCC is giving notice that it has submitted the collection to OMB for review.

**DATES:** You should submit written comments by: December 19, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Mail Stop 2–3, Attention: 1557–0224, 250 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (202) 874–5274, or by electronic mail to *regs.comments@occ.treas.gov*. You may personally inspect and photocopy comments at the OCC, 250 E Street SW., Washington, DC. For security reasons, the OCC requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 874–4700. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and to submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

Additionally, please send a copy of your comments to OCC Desk Officer, 1557–0224, by mail to U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., #10235, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395–6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You can request additional information or a copy of the collection from Ira L. Mills or Mary H. Gottlieb, OCC Clearance Officers, (202) 874–6055 or (202) 874–5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division (1557–0202), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20219.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OCC is proposing to extend OMB approval of the following information collection:

*Title:* Debt Cancellation Contracts and Debt Suspension Agreements.

*OMB Control No.:* 1557–0224.

*Description:* This submission covers an existing regulation and involves no change to the regulation or the information collection. The OCC requests that OMB approve its revised estimates and renew its approval of the information collection. The estimates have been revised to reflect the current number of national banks.

The regulation requires national banks to disclose information about a Debt Cancellation Contract (DCC) or Debt Suspension Agreement (DSA). The short form disclosure usually is made orally and is issued at the time the bank first solicits the purchase of a contract. The long form disclosure usually is made in writing and is issued before the customer completes the purchase of the contract. There are special rules for transactions by telephone, solicitations

using written mail inserts or “take one” applications, and electronic transactions. Part 37 provides two forms of disclosure that serve as models for satisfying the requirements of the rule. Use of the forms is not mandatory. A bank may adjust the form and wording of its disclosures so long as the requirements of the regulation are met.

12 U.S.C. 24 (Seventh) authorizes national banks to enter into DCCs and DSAs. The requirements of part 37 enhance consumer protections for customers who buy DCCs and DSAs from national banks and ensure that national banks provide these products in a safe and sound manner by requiring them to effectively manage their risk exposure.

#### Section 37.6

Section 37.6 and Appendices A and B to part 37 require a bank to provide the following disclosures, as appropriate:

- **Anti-tying—**A bank must inform the customer that purchase of the product is optional and neither its decision whether to approve the loan nor the terms and conditions of the loan are conditioned on the purchase of a DCC or DSA.

- **Explanation of debt suspension agreement—**A bank must disclose that if a customer activates the agreement, the customer's duty to pay the loan principal and interest is only suspended and the customer must fully repay the loan after the period of suspension has expired.

- **Amount of the fee—**A bank must make disclosures regarding the amount of the fee. The disclosure must differ depending on whether the credit is open-end or closed-end. In the case of closed-end credit, the bank must disclose the total fee. In the case of open-end credit, the bank must either disclose that the periodic fee is based on the account balance multiplied by a unit cost and provide the unit cost, or disclose the formula used to compute the fee.

- **Lump sum payment of fee—**A bank must disclose, where appropriate, that a customer has the option to pay the fee in a single payment or in periodic payments. This disclosure is not appropriate in the case of a DCC or DSA provided in connection with a home mortgage loan since the option to pay the fee in a single payment is not available in that case. Banks are also required to disclose that adding the fee to the amount borrowed will increase the cost of the contract.

- **Lump sum payment of fee with no refund—**A bank must disclose that the customer has the option to choose a contract with or without a refund