

Methodology

Passport applicants who do not receive their passports are required to complete a Statement of Non-Receipt of a Passport, Form DS-86. Passport applicants can either download the form from the Internet or pick one up from an Acceptance Facility/Passport Agency. The form must be completed, signed, and then submitted to the Acceptance Facility/Passport Agency for passport re-issuance.

Dated: November 15, 2011.

Barry J. Conway,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 7704]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-71, Affidavit of Identifying Witness, 1405-0088

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Affidavit of Identifying Witness.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0088.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, CA/PPT/PMO/PC.
- *Form Number:* DS-71.
- *Respondents:* Individuals who are verifying identity of a passport applicant.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 44,000 per year.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 44,000 per year.
- *Average Hours Per Response:* 5 min.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 3667 hours.
- *Frequency:* On Occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain a Benefit.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from December 2, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* PPTFormsOfficer@state.gov.

- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Passport Forms Management Officer, U.S. Department of State, Office of Program Management and Operational Support, 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 3031, Washington, DC 20037.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Passport Forms Management and Officer, U.S. Department of State, Office of Program Management and Operational Support, 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 3031, Washington, DC 20037, who may be reached on (202) 663-2457 or at PPTFormsOfficer@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Affidavit of Identifying Witness is submitted in conjunction with an application for a U.S. passport. It is used by Passport Services to collect information for the purpose of establishing the identity of the applicant. This application is completed by the identifying witness when the applicant is unable to establish his or her identity to the satisfaction of a person authorized to accept passport applications.

Methodology

The Affidavit of Identifying Witness is submitted in conjunction with an application for a U.S. passport. Due to legislative mandates Form DS-0071 is only available at acceptance facilities and passport agencies. This form must be completed and signed in the presence of an authorized Passport Agent, Acceptance Agent, or Consular Officer.

Dated: November 15, 2011.

Barry J. Conway,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 7659]

Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy; Notice of Meeting Cancellation

The meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy (Public Notice 7654) scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2011, to examine A New Focus on Investment: Attracting Inbound Foreign Direct Investment to the U.S. and highlight the U.S.-Turkey Economic Partnership Commission has been cancelled.

For additional information, contact Deputy Outreach Coordinator Tiffany Enoch, Office of Economic Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, at (202) 647-2231 or EnochT@state.gov.

Dated: November 28, 2011.

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

[Docket No. NHTSA-2010-0151; Notice 2]

General Motors LLC, Grant of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petition grant.

SUMMARY: General Motors LLC (GM),¹ has determined that approximately 1,113 Model Year (MY) 2011 Buick Regal passenger cars do not fully comply with paragraph S4.3(d) of 49 CFR 571.110, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 110, *Tire selection and rims and motor home/recreation vehicle trailer load carrying capacity information for motor vehicles*

¹ General Motors LLC (GM) is vehicle manufacturer incorporated under the laws of the state of Michigan.

with a GVWR of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) or less. GM filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, *Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports* dated July 26, 2010.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h) and the rule implementing those provisions at 49 CFR Part 556, GM 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. Notice of receipt of the petition was published, with a 30-day public comment period, on November 19, 2010 in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 70963). No comments were received. To view the petition and all supporting documents log onto the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Then follow the online search instructions to locate docket number "NHTSA-2010-0151."

For further information on this decision, contact Mr. John Finneran, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), telephone (202) 366-0645, facsimile (202) 366-5930.

GM estimates that approximately 1,113 model year 2011 Buick Regal passenger cars manufactured between January 20, 2010, and May 18, 2010, at GM's Rüsselsheim assembly plant are affected.

GM explains that the noncompliance with FMVSS No. 110 is the omission of the letter "T" in the spare tire size printed on the tire and loading information labels that it affixed to the vehicles. Currently the tire size designation shows the spare tire size as "125/80R16" instead of "T125/80R16."

GM additionally stated that it believes that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety for the following reasons:

(1) All information for maintaining and/or replacing the front and rear tires, as well as the seating capacity and vehicle capacity weight are correct on tire and loading information labels on the subject vehicles.

(2) The vehicles are equipped with spare tires that have the complete tire size (T125/80R16) molded into their sidewalls.

(3) When a customer needs to replace the spare tire, he/she will take the vehicle to a tire store. The tire store will know what compact spare tire is needed based on the information in their catalog or by looking at the spare tire provided with the vehicle. If they rely on spare tire size printed on the tire and loading

information label, they will find the spare tire size "125/80R16" without the letter T. This should not cause confusion or error because the only tire available with the size designation of "125/80R16" is the compact spare tire "T125/80R16."

(4) Risk to the public is negligible because the vehicles are equipped with the correct spare tire, and the tire and loading information label does have the correct inflation pressure for the compact spare tire.

(5) GM is not aware of any incidents or injuries related to the subject condition.

GM has additionally informed NHTSA that it has corrected the noncompliance so that all future production vehicles will have compliant labels.

Supported by the above stated reasons, GM believes that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety, and that 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 Decision: The intent of FMVSS No. 110 is to ensure that vehicles are equipped with tires appropriate to handle maximum vehicle loads and prevent overloading. NHTSA has confirmed that: The installed and labeled tires, including the spare, when inflated to the labeled recommended cold inflation pressure are appropriate to handle the vehicle maximum loads; the tire and loading information labels on subject vehicles are correct, except for the subject noncompliance; the vehicles are equipped with spare tires that have the complete tire size (T125/80R16) molded into their sidewalls; and the only tire available with the size designation of "125/80R16" is the compact spare tire "T125/80R16". Consequently, the subject noncompliance should not cause any unsafe conditions associated with determination of the correct tire inflation pressures or replacement tire selection for the subject vehicles.

Therefore, NHTSA agrees with GM that the omission of the letter "T" in the spare tire size printed on the tire and loading information labels that it affixed to the vehicles does not have any adverse safety implications.

NHTSA is also not aware of any customer complaints or field reports relating to this issue and GM has stated that it has corrected the problem that caused these errors so that they will not be repeated in future production.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (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, these provisions only apply to the 1,113² vehicles that have already passed from the manufacturer to an owner, purchaser, or dealer.

In consideration of the foregoing, NHTSA has decided that GM has met its burden of persuasion that the subject FMVSS No. 110 labeling noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Accordingly, GM'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, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35570]

Port Rail Link, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Lines of Union Pacific Railroad Company and The Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District

Port Rail Link, Inc. (PRL), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to: (1) Acquire by lease from Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and operate a 2.3-mile rail line between mileposts 9.45 and 7.15, at or near Harbor Yard at Lake Charles; and (2) acquire by lease from The Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District (the District), operator

² GM's petition, which was filed under 49 CFR part 556, requests an agency decision to exempt GM as a manufacturer from the notification and recall responsibilities of 49 CFR part 573 for the affected vehicles. However, a decision on this petition 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 vehicles under their control after GM notified them that the subject noncompliance existed.