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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2002–12409]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated November 30, 2012, Port Authority Trans-Hudson (PATH) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of Waiver Docket Number FRA–2002–12409, which provides relief from certain provisions of 49 CFR part 238—Passenger Equipment Safety Standards.

Specifically, PATH requests extension of the waiver of compliance from the requirements of 49 CFR 238.305(c)(10)—Interior calendar day mechanical inspection of passenger cars, 238.305(d), and 238.317(a)(1)—Movement of passenger equipment with other than power brake defects. These regulations are associated with the interior calendar-day inspection and Class 2 brake test, respectively.

PATH requests relief from the requirement to remove a car from service on the calendar day following the interior calendar-day mechanical inspection, and requests that the car be permitted to remain in passenger service until the car can be brought to the PATH running repair or main repair facility at the earliest practical time, but not to exceed 8 calendar days following notification, providing all of the specific conditions contained in 49 CFR 238.305(c)(10) and 49 CFR 238.305(d)(1)–(d)(3) are met. PATH further requests partial relief from the requirement to perform a Class 2 brake test during specific periods of time at terminal locations in which terminal dwell times are less than 5 minutes. PATH asserts that the conductor does not have adequate time to remain at the rear of the train to perform the brake test while the engineer changes operating position and then walk forward to the conductor’s operating position between the first and second cars. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2002–12409.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

• Web site: http://www.regulations.gov/. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
• Fax: 202–493–2251.
• Hand Delivery: 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2013–0017; Notice 1]

Fuji Heavy Industries U.S.A., Inc., Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Agency: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Receipt of Petition.


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

Vehicles Involved: Affected are approximately 23,600 model year 2013 Subaru XV Crosstrek passenger vehicles.

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 subject 23,600 Subaru XV Crosstrek multipurpose passenger vehicles that Fuji no longer controlled at the time it determined that the noncompliance existed.

Noncompliance: Fuji explains that the noncompliance is that, due to a labeling error, the glazing markings on the rear window of the subject vehicles lack the symbol “DOT”, the manufacturer’s code mark (i.e. 44), and the AS3 code mark and thus do not conform to the requirements of 49 CFR § 571.205 paragraphs S6.1 and S6.2.

Rule Text: Paragraphs S6.1 and S6.2 of FMVSS No. 205 requires in pertinent part:

S6.1 a Prime glazing material manufacturer must certify, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 30115, each piece of glazing material to which this standard applies that is designed—
(a) As a component of any specific motor vehicle or camper; or
(b) To be cut into components for use in motor vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment.

S6.2 a Prime glazing manufacturer certifies its glazing by adding to the marks required by section 7 of ANSI Z26.1–1996, in letters and numerals of the same size, the symbol “DOT” and a manufacturer’s code mark that NHTSA assigns to the manufacturer.

Summary of Fuji’s Analysis and Arguments

Fuji explains that while the noncompliant vehicle’s rear window glazing lack the following markings: The symbol “DOT”, the manufacturer’s code mark (i.e. 44) and the AS3 code mark; on the glazing of the rear window as required by FMVSS No. 205, the rear glazing of the affected vehicles

otherwise meet or exceed all other marking and performance requirements as required by FMVSS No. 205 and ANSI Z26.1–1996.

Fuji has additionally informed NHTSA that it has corrected future production and that all other glazing labeling information is correct. Fuji also expressed its belief that NHTSA has previously granted similar petitions involving the omission of FMVSS No. 205 markings.

In summation, Fuji believes that the described noncompliance of its vehicles 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.

Comments: 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:


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 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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 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 19747–78).

The petition, supporting materials, and all comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated below will be filed and will be considered. All comments and supporting materials received after the closing date will also be filed and will be considered to the extent possible. When the petition is granted or denied, notice of the decision will be published in the Federal Register pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Comment Closing Date: March 27, 2013.


Claude H. Harris,
Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2012–0073; Notice 2]

Guizhou Tyre Corporation; Grant of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Grant of petition.

SUMMARY: GTC North America, Inc., on behalf of Guizhou Tyre I/E Co. Ltd (collectively referred to as “GTC”) has determined that certain Samson and Advance brand ST trailer Tires, do not fully comply with paragraph S6.5(j) 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. GTC has filed an appropriate report dated March 22, 2012, pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §§ 30118(d) and 30120(h) and the rule implementing those provisions at 49 CFR part 556, GTC 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