

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region \*\*  
 Indonesia  
 Iran  
 Iraq  
 Israel \*  
 Japan  
 Jordan \*  
 Kuwait  
 Laos  
 Lebanon  
 Malaysia  
 Maldives  
 Mongolia  
 Nepal  
 North Korea  
 Oman  
 Qatar  
 Saudi Arabia  
 Singapore  
 Sri Lanka  
 Syria \*  
 Taiwan \*\*  
 Thailand  
 Timor-Leste  
 United Arab Emirates  
 Yemen

\* Persons born in the areas administered prior to June 1967 by Israel, Jordan, Syria, and Egypt are chargeable, respectively, to Israel, Jordan, Syria, and Egypt. Persons born in the Gaza Strip are chargeable to Egypt; persons born in the West Bank are chargeable to Jordan; persons born in the Golan Heights are chargeable to Syria.

\*\* For the purposes of the diversity program only, persons born in Macau S.A.R. derive eligibility from Portugal. Natives of the following Asia Region countries are *not* eligible for this year's diversity program: Bangladesh, China (mainland-born), India, Pakistan, South Korea, Philippines, and Vietnam.

Hong Kong S.A.R. (Asia region), Macau S.A.R. (Europe region, chargeable to Portugal), and Taiwan (Asia region) do qualify and are listed here.

#### *Europe*

Albania  
 Andorra  
 Armenia  
 Austria  
 Azerbaijan  
 Belarus  
 Belgium  
 Bosnia and Herzegovina  
 Bulgaria  
 Croatia  
 Cyprus  
 Czech Republic  
 Denmark (including components and dependent areas overseas)  
 Estonia  
 Finland  
 France (including components and areas overseas)

Georgia  
 Germany  
 Greece  
 Hungary  
 Iceland  
 Ireland  
 Italy  
 Kazakhstan  
 Kosovo  
 Kyrgyzstan  
 Latvia  
 Liechtenstein  
 Lithuania  
 Luxembourg  
 Macau Special Administrative Region \*\*  
 Macedonia  
 Malta  
 Moldova  
 Monaco  
 Montenegro  
 Netherlands (including components and dependent areas overseas)  
 Northern Ireland \*\*  
 Norway (including components and dependent areas overseas)  
 Poland  
 Portugal (including components and dependent areas overseas)  
 Romania  
 Russia  
 San Marino  
 Serbia  
 Slovakia  
 Slovenia  
 Spain  
 Sweden  
 Switzerland  
 Tajikistan  
 Turkey  
 Turkmenistan  
 Ukraine  
 Uzbekistan  
 Vatican City

\*\* Macau S.A.R. does qualify and is listed above. For the purposes of the diversity program only, persons born in Macau S.A.R. derive eligibility from Portugal.

Natives of the following European countries are not eligible for this year's DV program: Great Britain (United Kingdom). Great Britain (United Kingdom) includes the following dependent areas: Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, British Indian Ocean Territory, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, St. Helena, and Turks and Caicos Islands. Note that for purposes of the diversity program only, Northern Ireland is treated separately; Northern Ireland does qualify and is listed among the qualifying areas.

#### *North America*

The Bahamas

In North America, natives of Canada and Mexico are not eligible for this year's diversity program.

#### *Oceania*

Australia (including components and dependent areas overseas)  
 Fiji  
 Kiribati  
 Marshall Islands  
 Micronesia, Federated States of  
 Nauru  
 New Zealand (including components and dependent areas overseas)  
 Palau  
 Papua New Guinea  
 Samoa  
 Solomon Islands  
 Tonga  
 Tuvalu  
 Vanuatu

#### *South America, Central America, and the Caribbean*

Antigua and Barbuda  
 Argentina  
 Barbados  
 Belize  
 Bolivia  
 Chile  
 Costa Rica  
 Cuba  
 Dominica  
 Ecuador  
 Grenada  
 Guatemala  
 Guyana  
 Honduras  
 Nicaragua  
 Panama  
 Paraguay  
 Saint Kitts and Nevis  
 Saint Lucia  
 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  
 Suriname  
 Trinidad and Tobago  
 Uruguay  
 Venezuela

Countries in this region whose natives are not eligible for this year's diversity program: Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, and Peru.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA-2006-26367]

### **Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee; Charter Renewal**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Announcement of Charter Renewal of the Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC).

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces the charter renewal of the MCSAC, a Federal Advisory Committee that provides the Agency with advice and recommendations on motor carrier safety programs and motor carrier safety regulations through a consensus process. This charter renewal took effect on September 29, 2017, and will expire after 2 years.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Shannon L. Watson, Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Policy, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 385-2395, [mcsac@dot.gov](mailto:mcsac@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), FMCSA is giving notice of the charter renewal for the MCSAC. The MCSAC was established to provide FMCSA with advice and recommendations on motor carrier safety programs and motor carrier safety regulations.

The MCSAC is composed of up to 20 voting representatives from safety advocacy, safety enforcement, labor, and industry stakeholders of motor carrier safety. The diversity of the Committee ensures the requisite range of views and expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities. See the MCSAC Web site for details on pending tasks at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/mcsac>.

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*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2017-0015; Notice 2]

#### Volvo Trucks North America, Grant of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Grant of petition.

**SUMMARY:** Volvo Trucks North America (VTNA), has determined that certain model year (MY) 2017 Volvo VNL and 2017 Volvo VNM heavy duty trucks do

not fully comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 120, *Tire selection and rims and motor home/recreation vehicle trailer load carrying capacity information for motor vehicles with a GVWR of more than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds)*. VTNA filed a noncompliance information report dated February 9, 2017. VTNA also petitioned NHTSA on February 28, 2017, and revised its petition on April 29, 2017, for a decision that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety.

**ADDRESSES:** For further information on this decision contact Kerrin Bressant, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), telephone (202) 366-1110, facsimile (202) 366-5930.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*I. Overview:* Volvo Trucks North America (VTNA), has determined that certain model year (MY) 2017 Volvo VNL and 2017 Volvo VNM heavy duty trucks do not fully comply with paragraph S5.2(b) of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 120, *Tire selection and rims and motor home/recreation vehicle trailer load carrying capacity information for motor vehicles with a GVWR of more than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds)*. VTNA filed a noncompliance report dated February 9, 2017, pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, *Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports*. VTNA also petitioned NHTSA on February 28, 2017, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h) and 49 CFR part 556, and revised its petition on April 29, 2017, to obtain an exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 on the basis that this noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety.

Notice of receipt of the petition was published with a 30-day public comment period, on July 20, 2017, in the *Federal Register* (82 FR 33549). No comments were received. To view the petition and all supporting documents log onto the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Web site at: <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Then follow the online search instructions to locate docket number "NHTSA-2017-0015."

*II. Vehicles Involved:* Approximately 862 MY 2017 Volvo VNL and 2017 Volvo VNM heavy duty trucks, manufactured between August 15, 2016, and November 10, 2016, are potentially involved.

*III. Noncompliance:* VTNA explains that the noncompliance is that the wheels on the subject vehicles

incorrectly identify the rim size as 24.5" x 8.25" instead of 22.5" x 8.25", and therefore do not meet the requirements of paragraph S5.2(b) of FMVSS No. 120. Specifically, the marking error overstates the wheel diameter by 2".

*IV. Rule Text:* paragraph S5.2 of FMVSS No. 120 states:

S5.2 *Rim marking.* Each rim or, at the option of the manufacturer in the case of a single-piece wheel, wheel disc shall be marked with the information listed in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this paragraph, in lettering not less than 3 millimeters high, impressed to a depth or, at the option of the manufacturer, embossed to a height of not less than 0.125 millimeters . . .

(b) The rim size designation, and in case of multipiece rims, the rim type designation. For example: 20 x 5.50, or 20 x 5.5.

#### *V. Summary of VTNA's Petition:*

VTNA described the subject noncompliance and stated its belief that the noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety.

In support of its petition, VTNA referenced a letter to NHTSA, dated December 5, 2016, from Arconic Wheel and Transportation Products (Arconic), which is the rim manufacturer, and provided the following reasoning:

1. A 24.5" inch tire will not seat on the rim; therefore, if someone tries to mount a 24.5" tire to the rim, it will not hold air and therefore cannot be inflated.

2. When tires are replaced, the technician will select the tire based on the size and rating of the tire being replaced. When Volvo manufactured the vehicle, the tire used was a 22.5" (*i.e.* the correct size for the rim). Therefore, the tires installed by Volvo have the correct size on the sidewall of the tire.

3. Volvo is required to list the tires size and inflation pressures on the certification label as required by 49 CFR 567. The information printed on the label is the correct size, a 22.5" inch tire and reflects the tires that were installed when manufactured. The certification label is located inside the driver's door and can be easily accessed by the tire installer.

Volvo concluded by expressing the belief that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety, and that its petition to be exempted from providing notification of the noncompliance, as required by 49 U.S.C. 30118, and a remedy for the noncompliance, as required by 49 U.S.C. 30120, should be granted.

To view VTNA's petition analyses in its entirety you can visit <https://www.regulations.gov/> by following the online instructions for accessing the dockets and by using the docket ID