

2002, Public Law 107–198, *see* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4). Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, do not apply to this proceeding.

The Commission will send a copy of this *Report and Order* in a report to be sent to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, *see* 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television.
Federal Communications Commission.

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Final Rule

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICE

■ 1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 155, 301, 303, 307, 309, 310, 334, 336, 339.

■ 2. In § 73.622, in paragraph (i), amend the Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, under Texas, by revising the entry for “Fredericksburg” to read as follows:

§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

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Community	Channel No.
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TEXAS	
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Fredericksburg	8
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. NHTSA–2019–0074]

RIN 2127–AL87

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Technical Corrections and Clarifications Related to Tires and Rims

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 109, “New pneumatic and certain specialty tires,” in response to a petition for rulemaking from the Tire and Rim Association, to clarify the applicability of the FMVSSs to certain types of tires intended for use on trailers. Based on a review of prior amendments to FMVSS Nos. 109 and 119, “New pneumatic tires for motor vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of more than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) and motorcycles.” NHTSA concludes that it inadvertently made these tires subject to both FMVSS Nos. 109 and 119, when it was the Agency’s intent to make them subject only to FMVSS No. 119. This document corrects that error, and also includes nonsubstantive technical corrections to tire and rim regulations.

DATES: The effective date of this rule is September 30, 2021.

Petitions for reconsideration: Petitions for reconsideration of this final rule must be received not later than October 15, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Petitions for reconsideration of this final rule must refer to the docket and notice number set forth above and be submitted to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. For hand delivery or courier delivery, delivery is only possible between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9332 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Jasinski, Office of the Chief Counsel, by telephone at (202) 366–2992, and by fax at (202) 366–3820. You may send mail to this official at the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Summary of the NPRM

On August 21, 2019, NHTSA published in the *Federal Register* a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) proposing amendments to FMVSS No. 109, in response to a petition from the Tire and Rim Association (TRA). TRA sought to clarify the applicability of the FMVSSs to certain types of tires intended for use on trailers (Special Trailer (ST) tires, Farm Implement (FI) tires, and tires with a rim diameter code of 12 or below (hereinafter, “specialty tires”), and sought other nonsubstantive technical amendments.¹ The NPRM proposed to clarify NHTSA’s intent to make specialty tires intended for use on trailers to be subject only to FMVSS No. 119.

In the NPRM, NHTSA acknowledged that in a January 2006 final rule,² NHTSA stated its intent for specialty tires to be subject to FMVSS No. 119, but in an August 2007 final rule had inadvertently made specialty tires also subject to FMVSS No. 109.³ Further, NHTSA acknowledged that FMVSS No. 109 does not specify test conditions for specialty tires with maximum inflation pressures not specified in FMVSS No. 109. Without specified test pressures, NHTSA cannot test specialty tires for compliance with FMVSS No. 109. While this issue could be remedied by adding new test pressures to FMVSS No. 109, NHTSA stated its belief that making specialty tires subject to FMVSS No. 119 is preferable because FMVSS No. 119 specifies test conditions based on load range designations. Doing so would provide the tire industry flexibility to change maximum tire inflation pressures for specialty tires without first requesting regulatory changes from NHTSA.

Based on the foregoing, NHTSA proposed an amendment to FMVSS No. 109 to remove references to specialty tires from the title and the “Application” section. Second, NHTSA proposed to add a reference to specialty tires to the title of FMVSS No. 119. In addition, though not suggested by TRA, NHTSA proposed an amendment to the “Scope” section of FMVSS No. 119 to include a reference to specialty tires, to provide added clarity regarding the applicability of FMVSS No. 119 to specialty tires. Specialty tires are already listed in the “Application” section of FMVSS No. 119.

¹ 84 FR 43563.

² 71 FR 877.

³ 72 FR 49207.