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(ii) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) how to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(iv) how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.* permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collections of information:

Title: Assigning DOT Code Numbers (Glazing Material Manufacturers).

OMB Control Number: 2127-0038.

Affected Public: Business or for-profit.

Abstract: Title 49, Chapter 30115 of the U.S. Code specifies that the Secretary of Transportation shall require every manufacturer or distributor of a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment to furnish the distributor or dealer at the time of delivery certification that each item of motor vehicle equipment conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS).

Using this authority, the agency issued FMVSS No. 571.205, "Glazing Materials". This standard specifies requirements for glazing materials for use in passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks, buses, motorcycles, slide-in campers and pickup covers designed to carry persons while in motion. Also, this standard specifies certification and marking of each piece of glazing materials. Certification for the items listed comes in the form of a label, tag or marking on the outside of the motor vehicle equipment and is permanently affixed and visible for the life of the motor vehicle equipment.

The purpose of this standard is to aid in reducing injuries resulting from impact to glazing surfaces, and to ensure a necessary degree of transparency for driver visibility. Both glass and plastics are considered to be glazing materials which provide safety and minimize the possibility of occupants being thrown through the vehicle window in the event of a crash.

Estimated Annual Burden: 11.5 hours.
Number of Respondents: 23.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-00-8350]

Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements

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

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections.

This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that 2 copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Edward Jettner, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 5320, NPS-11, Washington, DC 20590.

Mr. Jettner's telephone number is (202) 366-4917. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for

approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) how to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(iv) how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.* permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collections of information:

Title: Consolidated Labeling Requirements for Motor Vehicles (Except the VIN)

OMB Control Number: 2127-0512.

Affected Public: Business or for-profit.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. 30111 authorizes the issuance of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and regulations. The agency, in prescribing a FMVSS or regulation considers available relevant motor vehicle safety data, and consults with other agencies as it deems appropriate. Further, the statute mandates that in issuing any FMVSS or regulation, the agency considers whether the standard or regulation is "reasonable, practicable and appropriate for the particular type of motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment for which it is prescribed," and whether such a standard will contribute to carrying out the purpose of the Act. The Secretary is authorized to invoke such rules and regulations as deemed necessary to carry out these requirements. Using this authority, the agency issued the following FMVSS and regulations, specifying labeling requirements to aid the agency in achieving many of its safety goals:

FMVSS 105, Hydraulic and Electric Brake Systems;
FMVSS 135, Passenger Car Brake Systems;

FMVSS 205, Glazing Materials;
FMVSS 209, Seat Belt Assemblies;
and

Part 567, Certification.

FMVSS 105, Hydraulic and Electric Brake Systems and FMVSS 135, Passenger Car Brake Systems require that each vehicle shall have a brake fluid warning statement in letters at least one-eighth of an inch high on the master cylinder reservoirs and located so as to be visible by direct view.

FMVSS 205, Glazing Materials, requires that manufacturers mark their automotive glazing with certain label information, including:

Manufacturer's distinctive trademark;
Manufacturer's "DOT" code number;
Model of glazing (alpha-numerical designation); and

Type of glazing (there are currently 21 items of glazing ranging from plastic windows to bullet resistant windshields).

In addition to these requirements which apply to all glazing, certain specialty items such as standee windows in buses, roof openings and interior partitions made of plastic require that the manufacturer affix a removable label to each item. The label specifies cleaning instructions which will minimize the loss of transparency. Other information may be provided by the manufacturer but is not required.

FMVSS 209, Seat Belt Assemblies, requires safety belts to be labeled with the year of manufacture, the model, and the name or trademark of the manufacturer (S4.5(j)). Additionally, replacement safety belts that for specific models of motor vehicles must have labels or accompanying instruction sheets to specify the applicable vehicle models and seating positions (S4.5(k)). All other replacement belts are required to be accompanied by an installation instruction sheet (S4.1(k)).

Seat belt assemblies installed as original equipment in new motor vehicles need not be required to be labeled with position/model information. This information is only useful if the assembly is removed with the intention of using the assembly as a replacement in another vehicle; this is not a common practice.

Part 567, Certification, responds to 49 U.S.C. 30111 that requires each manufacturer or distributor of motor vehicles to furnish to the dealer or distributor of the vehicle a certification that the vehicle meets all applicable FMVSS. This certification is required by that provision to be in the form of a

label permanently affixed to the vehicle. Under 49 U.S.C. 32504, vehicle manufacturers are directed to make a similar certification with regard to bumper standards. To implement this requirement, NHTSA issued 49 CFR part 567. The agency's regulations establish form and content requirements for the certification labels.

Estimated Annual Burden: 72959 hours.

Number of Respondents: 1214.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2000-8459; Notice 1]

Continental General Tire, Inc., Receipt of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Continental General Tire, Inc., (Continental) has determined that approximately 22,500 P235/75R15 Grabber AT OWL passenger car tires do not meet the labeling requirements mandated by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 109, "New Pneumatic Tires."

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h), Continental has petitioned for a determination that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety and has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports."

This notice of receipt of an application 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 application.

FMVSS No. 109 requires that each tire shall have permanently molded into or onto both sidewalls the actual number of plies in the sidewall, and the actual number of plies in the tread area if different. (S4.3(e)).

The noncompliance with S4.3(e) relates to the mold number. Mold numbers 33316 and 33317 ran for the production period of March 28, 1999 through August 25, 2000 with an incorrect sidewall stamping. The stamping at the rim line read: "Tread 5 plies—2 Steel + 2 Polyester +1 Nylon." It should have read: Tread 4 Plies—2 Steel + 2 Polyester.

Continental states that the sidewalls of the tire have all the proper markings, except the subject plies, per 49 CFR Section 571.109 and that in all applications the tire service information is correct and no unsafe conditions would be created due to the noncompliance.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on the application described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. It is requested that two copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated below will be considered. The application and supporting materials, and all comments received after the closing date, will also be filed and will be considered to the extent possible. When the application is granted or denied, the notice will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below. Comment closing date: (30 days after Publication Date).

(49 U.S.C. 301118, 301120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2000-8247; Notice 1]

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, Receipt of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company (Cooper) has determined that approximately 8,824 motorcycle tires produced at the Melksham, England, tire manufacturing facility of Cooper-Avon Tyres Limited, do not meet the labeling requirements mandated by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 119, "New Pneumatic Tires for Vehicles Other than Passenger Cars".

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h), Cooper has petitioned for a determination that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety and has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports."