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Comment closing date: March 5, 2003.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30113; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.4.

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Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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actual number of plies in the sidewall, and the actual number of plies in the tread area if different.

The noncompliance with S4.3(e) relates to the mold number. The tires were marked: SIDEWALL 2 Plies instead of the required marking of: SIDEWALL 1 Ply.

Uniroyal does not believe that this marking error will impact motor vehicle safety because the tires meet all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety performance standards, and the noncompliance is one of labeling.

The Transportation Recall, Enhancement, Accountability, and Documentation (TREAD) Act (Pub. L. 106-414) required, among other things, that the agency initiate rulemaking to improve tire label information. In response, the agency published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) in the **Federal Register** on December 1, 2000 (65 FR 75222). The agency received more than 20 comments on the tire labeling information required by 49 CFR Sections 571.109 and 119, Part 567, Part 574, and Part 575. With regard to the tire construction labeling requirements of FMVSS 109, S4.3(d) and (e), most commenters indicated that the information was of little or no safety value to consumers. However, according to the comments, when tires are

processed for retreading or repairing, it is important for the retreader or repair technician to understand the make-up of the tires and the types of plies. This enables them to select the proper repair materials or procedures for retreading or repairing the tires. A steel cord radial tire can experience a circumferential or "zipper" rupture in the upper sidewall when it is operated underinflated or overloaded. If information regarding the number of plies and cord material is removed from the sidewall, technicians cannot determine if the tire has a steel cord sidewall ply. This information is critical when determining if the tire is a candidate for a zipper rupture. In this case, since the steel cord construction is properly identified on the sidewall, the technician will have sufficient notice.

In addition, the agency conducted a series of focus groups, as required by the TREAD Act, to examine consumer perceptions and understanding of tire labeling. Few of the focus group participants had knowledge of tire labeling beyond the tire brand name, tire size, and tire pressure.

Based on the information obtained from comments to the ANPRM and the consumer focus groups, we have concluded that it is likely that few consumers have been influenced by the tire construction information (number of

plies and cord material in the sidewall and tread plies) provided on the tire sidewall when deciding to buy a motor vehicle or tire.

The agency believes that the true measure of inconsequentiality to motor vehicle safety in this case is the effect of the noncompliance on the operational safety of vehicles on which these tires are mounted. This labeling noncompliance has no effect on the performance of the subject tires.

In consideration of the foregoing, NHTSA has decided that the applicant has met its burden of persuasion that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Accordingly, its application is granted and the applicant is exempted from providing the notification of the noncompliance as required by 49 U.S.C. 30118, and from remedying the noncompliance, as required by 49 U.S.C. 30120.

Authority: (49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; 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 2002-13357; Notice 2]

Uniroyal Goodrich Tire Manufacturing, Grant of Application for Decision That Noncompliance Is Inconsequential to Motor Vehicle Safety

Uniroyal Goodrich Tire Manufacturing (Uniroyal) has determined that a total 11,262 P155/80R 13 79S Uniroyal Tiger Paw AWP 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), Uniroyal 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."

Notice of receipt of the application was published, with a 30-day comment period, on October 1, 2002, in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 61724). NHTSA received no comment on this application.

During the period of the 5th through the 48th weeks of 2000, the Woodburn, Indiana plant of Uniroyal Goodrich Tire Manufacturing produced and cured a total of 11,262 tires with erroneous marking. Of this total, no more than 3,796 may have been delivered to end-users. The remaining tires have been isolated in Uniroyal warehouses and will be brought into compliance.

FMVSS No. 109 (S4.3(e)) requires that each tire shall have permanently molded into or onto both sidewalls the

Research and Special Programs Administration

Pipeline Safety: Required Submission of Data to the National Pipeline Mapping System Under the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of advisory bulletin.

SUMMARY: The Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) is issuing this advisory bulletin to owners and operators of natural gas transmission and hazardous liquid pipeline systems. The purpose of this bulletin is to advise pipeline operators of their responsibilities in complying with the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002. Specifically, this bulletin indicates the process for making new submissions of geospatial and operator contact information, updating previous submissions to the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS), and providing future submissions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sam Hall, (202) 493-0591; or by email, samuel.hall@rspa.dot.gov. Steve Fischer, (202) 366-6267; or by email at steven.fischer@rspa.dot.gov. This document can be viewed at the OPS

home page at <http://ops.dot.gov/new.htm>. Additional information about the NPMS and the "National Pipeline Mapping System Standards for Pipeline and Liquefied Natural Gas Operator Submissions" can be found at <http://www.npms.rspa.dot.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) is a geographic information system (GIS) database that contains the locations and selected attributes of hazardous liquid and natural gas transmission pipelines, break-out tanks, and liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities operating in onshore and DOT jurisdictional offshore territories of the United States. The NPMS was developed as a joint effort between the U.S. Department of Transportation, Research and Special Programs Administration's OPS, other Federal and State agencies, and the pipeline industry. The NPMS originally consisted of pipeline and LNG facility data voluntarily submitted by pipeline operators. The data collected for the NPMS is necessary for regulatory oversight and for monitoring the security of the pipelines. Therefore, public access to the data is limited.

The Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-355), 49 U.S.C. 60132, "National Pipeline Mapping System," enacted on December 17, 2002, requires the following:

(a) *Information to be Provided*—Not later than six months after the date of enactment of this section, the operator of a pipeline facility (except distribution lines and gathering lines) shall provide to the Secretary of Transportation the following information with respect to the facility:

(1) Geospatial data appropriate for use in the National Pipeline Mapping System or data in a format that can be readily converted to geospatial data.

(2) The name and address of the person with primary operational control to be identified as its operator for purposes of this chapter.

(3) A means for a member of the public to contact the operator for additional information about the pipeline facilities it operates.

(b) *Updates*—A person providing information under subsection (a) shall provide to the Secretary updates of the information to reflect changes in the pipeline facility owned or operated by the person and as otherwise required by the Secretary.

In complying with this statutory requirement, please do the following:

Subsection (a): *Information To Be Provided*—Submit all pipeline data and

contact information in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the NPMS operator standards document entitled "National Pipeline Mapping System Standards for Pipeline and Liquefied Natural Gas Operator Submissions" dated 2003. A complete data submission includes the geospatial data, attribute data, and metadata for all liquefied natural gas (LNG) and hazardous liquid and natural gas transmission pipeline systems operated by a company. The standards document is available for download from the NPMS website at <http://www.npms.rspa.dot.gov/submissions/standards.htm>.

Subsection (a)(1): If a complete data submission was made to the NPMS prior to December 17, 2001, and any pipeline system modifications have occurred since the last submission, submit complete data to the NPMS by June 17, 2003. If a complete data submission was made to the NPMS prior to December 17, 2001, and no pipeline system modifications have occurred, send an email to opsgis@rspa.dot.gov stating that fact. If a complete data submission was made to the NPMS on or after December 17, 2001, and if pipeline system modifications representing more than 5% of the total system mileage to be submitted to the NPMS have occurred, submit new complete data by June 17, 2003. If changes to the data submitted on or after December 17, 2001, affect less than 5% of the total system mileage submitted to the NPMS, submit an email to opsgis@rspa.dot.gov stating that fact by June 17, 2003. If only a partial data submission was made to the NPMS, before or after December 17, 2001, submit complete data to the NPMS by June 17, 2003. For LNG facilities, if any modifications to previously submitted data have occurred, submit new complete data by June 17, 2003. System modifications include pipelines or LNG facilities added or removed from a pipeline system and changes to any of the NPMS attributes (e.g., operator name, system name, commodity, status, etc.).

Pipeline operators may submit updated data in one of two ways depending on the format of their submission. For digital data, submit replacement data for an entire system. It is easier for pipeline operators submitting digital data to submit the entire pipeline system rather than making a partial update submission. In this case, all data that was previously submitted under the same operator ID will be updated with the new submission. For paper maps, submit replacement maps for those portions of a pipeline system that have changed.

This option is available only for those pipeline operators who have to submit hard-copy maps.

Subsection (a)(2): Regardless of prior complete or partial data submissions to the NPMS, provide pipeline operator contact information for the pipelines submitted to the NPMS. The pipeline operator should identify and submit to the NPMS, contact information that the Office of Pipeline Safety will make available to the public for its' use in contacting the operator. The format and procedures for submitting this contact information is available on the NPMS website and in the NPMS operator standards document.

Subsection (a)(3): OPS is developing an Internet-based tool that will allow the public to identify pipeline operators within a specific geographic area. The information provided to the NPMS under subsection (a)(2) will allow the public to contact pipeline operators with questions regarding their pipelines. The Internet-based tool will display a list of operator contacts, within the geographic area specified by the user, but will not render a map of the pipelines.

Subsection (b): *Updates*—Once a submission is made to comply with the June 17, 2003, statutory deadline, operators are required to make update submissions every twelve (12) months if any system modifications have occurred. If no modifications have occurred since the last complete submission (including operator contact information), send an email to opsgis@rspa.dot.gov stating that fact. Include operator contact information with all updates. Pipeline operators may update previous NPMS submissions in one of two ways. For digital data, submit replacement data for an entire system. For paper maps, submit replacement maps for those portions of pipeline systems that have changed. This option is available only for those pipeline operators who have to submit paper maps.

II. Advisory Bulletin (ADB-03-02)

To: Owners and Operators of Natural Gas Transmission and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Systems.

Subject: Required Submission of Data to the National Pipeline Mapping System Under the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002.

Purpose: To advise pipeline operators of their responsibilities in complying with the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002. This bulletin describes the process for making new submissions of geospatial and operator contact information and updating previous

submissions to the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS).

Advisory: Subsection (a): Submit geospatial and contact information in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the NPMS standards document entitled "National Pipeline Mapping System Standards for Pipeline and Liquefied Natural Gas Operator Submissions" dated 2003. The operators standards document is available for download from the NPMS website at <http://www.npms.rspa.dot.gov/submissions/standards.htm>.

Subsection (a)(1): If a complete data submission was made to the NPMS prior to December 17, 2001, and any pipeline system modifications have occurred since the last submission, submit complete data to the NPMS by June 17, 2003. If a complete data submission was made to the NPMS prior to December 17, 2001, and no pipeline system modifications have occurred, send an email to opsgis@rspa.dot.gov stating that fact. If a complete data submission was made to the NPMS on or after December 17, 2001, and if pipeline system modifications representing more than 5% of the total system mileage to be submitted to the NPMS have occurred, submit new complete data by June 17, 2003. If changes to the data submitted on or after December 17, 2001, affect less than 5% of the total system mileage submitted to the NPMS, submit an email to opsgis@rspa.dot.gov stating that fact by June 17, 2003. If only a partial data submission was made to the NPMS, before or after December 17, 2001, submit complete data to the NPMS by June 17, 2003. For LNG facilities, if any modifications since the last submission have occurred, submit new complete data by June 17, 2003.

Subsection (a)(2): Regardless of prior geospatial submissions to the NPMS, submit contact information for the pipelines represented in geospatial data submitted to the NPMS. The format for submitting this contact information is available in the NPMS operator standards document. This contact information will be in the public domain.

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Subsection (b): Once a submission is made to comply with the June 17, 2003, statutory deadline, operators are required to make update submissions every 12 months if any system modifications have occurred. If no modifications have occurred since the last complete submission (including operator contact information), send an email to opsgis@rspa.dot.gov stating that fact. Include operator contact information with all updates.

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Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 23, 2003.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 5, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1530.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Tip Rate Determination Agreement (Gaming Industry).

Description: Information is required by the Internal Revenue Service in its Compliance efforts to assist employers and their employees in understanding and complying with section 6053(a), which requires employees to report all their tips monthly to their employers.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 100.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper: 43 hours, 40 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 4,367 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1670.

Regulation Project Number: REG-105606-99 NPMR.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Credit for Increasing Research Activities.

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Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)

OMB Number: 1506-0006.

Form Number: FinCEN 102.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Suspicious Activity Report by Casinos.

Description: Treasury is requiring casinos and card clubs with annual gaming revenue of more than \$1,000,000 to report suspicious activities.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 550.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper: 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 1,550 hours.

Clearance Officer: Steve Rudzinski, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network,