

Workhorse stated that it has no customer complaints or accident reports related to the noncompliance.

NHTSA agrees with Workhorse that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. As the agency noted in proposing the current version of the standard (49 FR 32409, August 25, 1988), the purpose of the display requirement is to "provide the driver with transmission position information for the vehicle conditions where such information can reduce the likelihood of shifting errors." In all but the rarest circumstances, the primary function of the transmission display is to inform the driver of gear selection and relative position of the gears while the engine is running. In this case, the selected gear position and PRNDL display are always visible when the engine is running. Therefore, as Workhorse stated, the vehicles will be in compliance with FMVSS No. 102 during normal ignition activation and vehicle operation.

Workhorse is correct that the two petitions it cited, from Nissan and General Motors, were granted by NHTSA based on this rationale. The Workhorse vehicles at issue here comply with all other requirements of FMVSS No. 102. Workhorse has corrected the problem.

In consideration of the foregoing, NHTSA has decided that the petitioner has met its burden of persuasion that the noncompliance described is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Accordingly, Workhorse's petition is granted and the petitioner is exempted from the obligation of providing notification of, and a remedy for, the noncompliance.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; delegations of authority at CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2005-20428; Notice 2]

Hankook Tire America Corp., Grant of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Hankook Tire America Corp. (Hankook) has determined that certain tires it produced in 2003 and 2004 do not comply with S6.5(d) of 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), Hankook 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 a petition was published, with a 30-day comment period, on March 9, 2005, in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 11728). NHTSA received no comments.

A total of approximately 41,716 tires are involved, which were produced during the period April 1, 2003 through December 20, 2004. S6.5(d) of FMVSS No. 119 requires that the maximum load rating and corresponding inflation pressure of the tires be marked on the tire in both English and metric units. The noncompliant tires do not have the metric markings.

Hankook believes that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety and that no corrective action is warranted. Hankook states that the noncompliance does not relate to motor vehicle safety, and that the problem has been corrected either by discontinuation or change of the mold of the affected tires.

NHTSA agrees that the noncompliance is inconsequential to safety. The correct English unit information required by FMVSS No. 119 is provided and therefore is likely to achieve the safety purpose of the requirement. NHTSA granted a petition for a similar noncompliance by Bridgestone/Firestone North American Tire, LLC in 2004 (69 FR 75106, December 15, 2004). Hankook has corrected the problem.

In consideration of the foregoing, NHTSA has decided that the petitioner has met its burden of persuasion that the noncompliance described is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Accordingly, Hankook's petition is granted and the petitioner is exempted from the obligation of providing notification of, and a remedy for, the noncompliance.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; delegations of authority at CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Public Meeting of the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice advises all interested persons of a public meeting of the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11 and Thursday, May 12, 2005, in the Washington, DC area and will begin at 9:30 a.m. on both days.

ADDRESSES: The venue has not been identified to date. Venue information will be posted on the Panel's Web site at <http://www.taxreformpanel.gov> as soon as it is available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Panel staff at (202) 927-2TAX (927-2829) (not a toll-free call) or e-mail info@taxreformpanel.gov (please do not send comments to this box). Additional information is available at <http://www.taxreformpanel.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose: The May 11-12 meeting is the eighth meeting of the Advisory Panel. At this meeting, the Panel will consider specific proposals for reform of the tax code.

Comments: Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting; however, no public comments will be heard at the meeting. Any written comments with respect to this meeting may be mailed to The President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform, 1440 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 2100, Washington, DC 20220. All written comments will be made available to the public.

Records: Records are being kept of Advisory Panel proceedings and will be available at the Internal Revenue Service's FOIA Reading Room at 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 1621, Washington, DC 20024. The Reading Room is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays. The public entrance to the reading room is on Pennsylvania Avenue between 10th and 12th Streets. The phone number is (202) 622-5164 (not a toll-free number). Advisory Panel documents, including meeting announcements, agendas, and minutes, will also be available on <http://www.taxreformpanel.gov>.

Dated: April 22, 2005.

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Designated Federal Officer.

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