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Jo Anne B. Barnhart,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aircraft Authentication Status

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in concert with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will revitalize and refocus our airspace monitoring capabilities to ensure that each aircraft operating within the National Airspace System (NAS) has met all statutory, regulatory and certification requirements.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 1, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Gould, Manager, Strategic Operations Security (AJR-22) Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591. Telephone (202) 267-7683.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 14 CFR part 47 of the Federal Aviation Regulations defines the requirements and outlines the circumstances necessary for aircraft registration. The FAA and TSA believe that it is in the interests of national security and aviation safety to ensure that only properly registered aircraft operate within the National Airspace System (NAS).

On June 23, 2003, the Federal Aviation (FAA) published a notice in the **Federal Register** (FR Doc. 03-15673) stating that the FAA's Aircraft Registration System would be augmented to reflect the observed status of an aircraft's certificate of registration. As of June 20, 2003 those aircraft records containing information that would render a certificate of registration ineffective, if true, were changed to reflect a status of "In Question."

On May 17, 2004 the Federal Aviation Administration issued a press release emphasizing the need for aircraft owners to update their aircraft registration in order that both the FAA and aircraft manufacturers may be able to notify owners of safety and maintenance-related information.

The FAA has provided numerous other notices requesting aircraft owners register their aircraft and to provide updated address information, mainly in an effort to update the aircraft owner database and to assist local law enforcement agencies and FAA Flight Services Stations in the event of a downed or overdue aircraft. This current notice represents the latest action the FAA is taking to ensure that only properly registered aircraft operate within the NAS.

On the effective date stated herein, operators of identified aircraft with questionable registrations and or no TSA required security measures/waivers will be: (1) Notified of the deficiency,

(2) a pilot deviation will be filed on the operator, (3) operator may be denied access to the NAS. In the event the operator is not the owner, the operator and owner will be notified of the deficiency and both will be subject to any action deemed warranted by the agency in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

The U.S. Civil Aviation Registry provides means to search and update aircraft owner information.

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Douglas Gould,

Manager, Strategic Operations Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2005-23171; Notice 1]

Bridgestone Firestone North America Tire, LLC, Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Bridgestone Firestone North America Tire, LLC (Bridgestone Firestone) has determined that certain tires it produced in 2005 do not comply with S4.3.2 of 49 CFR 571.109, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 109, "New pneumatic tires." Bridgestone Firestone has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports."

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h), Bridgestone Firestone has petitioned for an exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 on the basis that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

This notice of receipt of Bridgestone Firestone's petition 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 petition.

Affected are a total of approximately 50 P205/70R15 Le Mans Champion SE tires produced in 2005. S4.3.2 of FMVSS No. 109 refers to 49 CFR 575.4, section (d) which requires that the sidewall stamping include the date of manufacture. The noncompliant tires are stamped HYMOLCM, while the correct stamping including the date of manufacture should be HYMOLCM2705.

Bridgestone Firestone believes that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety and that no

corrective action is warranted. Bridgestone Firestone states that “[t]he noncompliant tires meet or exceed all performance requirements of FMVSS No. 109 and will have no impact on the operational performance or safety of vehicles on which these tires are mounted.” The petitioner further states,

The week and year of [the] production portion of the Tire Identification Number (TIN) becomes important in the event of a safety campaign so that the consumer may properly identify the recalled tire(s). For this mislabeling, any safety campaign communication, if necessary, could include in the listing of recalled TINs and (sic) the TIN for these tires with the missing or blank date of production so that the consumer would know that these mislabeled tires are included in the recall.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on this petition. Comments must refer to the docket and notice number cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted by any of the following methods. Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20590-0001. Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC. It is requested, but not required, that two copies of the comments be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Federal holidays. Comments may be submitted electronically by logging onto the Docket Management System Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Click on “Help” to obtain instructions for filing the document electronically. Comments may be faxed to 1-202-493-2251, or may be submitted to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

The petition, supporting materials, and all comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated below will be filed and will be considered. All comments and supporting materials received after the closing date will also be filed and will be considered to the extent possible. When the petition is granted or denied, notice of the decision will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Comment closing date: January 9, 2006.

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

Issued on: December 5, 2005.

Daniel C. Smith,

Associate Administrator for Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2005-23168; Notice 1]

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

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company (Cooper) has determined that certain tires that it produced in 2005 do not comply with S4.3(a) of 49 CFR 571.109, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 109, “New pneumatic tires” and with 49 CFR 574.5, Tire “Identification Requirements”. Cooper has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, “Defect and Noncompliance Reports.”

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h), Cooper has petitioned for an exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 on the basis that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

This notice of receipt of Cooper’s petition 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 petition.

Affected are a total of approximately 488 size 225/70R15 tires produced during the period January 30, 2005 through April 16, 2005. S4.3(a) and § 574.5(b) require a tire identification number (TIN) on the tire which includes a size designation. The noncompliant tires were molded with the letters “X5” as the size designation. The correct stamping should have been “35.”

Cooper believes that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety and that no corrective action is warranted. Cooper states that the purpose of the TIN is to facilitate notifying consumers in the event of a recall. Cooper says that if it was required to notify purchasers, “the subject tires could be easily identified”. Cooper points out that the correct tire size appears elsewhere on the tire, including twice on each sidewall, and the tires meet all other requirements of FMVSS No. 109 and 49 CFR 574.5.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on this petition. Comments must refer to the docket and notice

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Comment closing date: January 9, 2006.

(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-2005-23169; Notice 1]

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

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company (Cooper) has determined that certain tires that it produced in 2005 do not comply with S4.3(a) of 49 CFR 571.109, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 109, “New pneumatic tires” and with 49 CFR 574.5, “Tire Identification Requirements.” Cooper has filed an appropriate report pursuant