

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5645]

**Bureau of Political–Military Affairs;
Embargo on Arms Exports to Lebanon**

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that all licenses and approvals to export or otherwise transfer defense articles and defense services to Lebanon pursuant to Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) are suspended, except those authorized by the Government of Lebanon or the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). Further, effective immediately, it is the policy of the United States Government to deny all applications for license and other approvals to export or otherwise transfer defense articles and defense services to Lebanon, except those authorized by the Government of Lebanon or UNIFIL. On August 11, 2006, the United Nations Security Council voted unanimously to impose an embargo on the export of arms and related material, as well as defense services, to Lebanon.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 15, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Stephen Tomchik, Office of Defense Trade Controls Policy, Department of State, Telephone (202) 663–2799, or FAX (202) 261–8199. ATTN: Lebanon Embargo, UNSCR 1701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: UN Security Council Resolution 1701 (UNSCR 1701) requires UN member states to implement an arms embargo on the export of arms and related material, as well as defense services, to Lebanon. The resolution enjoins all states to “take the necessary measures to prevent, by their nationals or from their territories or using their flag vessels or aircraft: (a) The sale or supply to any entity or individual in Lebanon of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment, and spare parts for the aforementioned, whether or not originating in their territories; and (b) the provision to any entity or individual in Lebanon of any technical training or assistance related to the provision, manufacture, maintenance or use of [such] items.” The resolution establishes that “these prohibitions shall not apply to arms, related material, training or assistance authorized by the Government of Lebanon or by the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).”

Consequently, effective immediately, it is the policy of the Department of State to deny all applications for licenses and other approvals to export or otherwise transfer defense articles and defense services to Lebanon except as provided for in UNSCR 1701 (2006), until further notice. An exception is made allowing for the export or transfer to Lebanon of defense articles and defense services when authorized by the Government of Lebanon or by UNIFIL in accordance with UNSCR 1701 (2006). In addition, U.S. manufacturers and exporters and any other affected parties (e.g., brokers) are hereby notified that the Department of State has suspended all licenses and approvals authorizing the export or other transfer of defense articles and defense services to Lebanon except those authorized by the Government of Lebanon or UNIFIL. The licenses and approvals that have been suspended include manufacturing licenses and technical assistance agreements involving Lebanon, including any agreement that has Lebanon as a sales territory, with the exclusion of those authorized by the Government of Lebanon or UNIFIL. This action also precludes the use in connection with Lebanon of any exemptions from licensing or other approval requirements included in the ITAR, until further notice, excluding 22 CFR 123.17. Holders of existing licenses or authorizations must submit documentation for review by the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) supporting the authorization of the transaction by the Government of Lebanon or UNIFIL. For future authorizations, exceptions to this policy of denial will be made, in accordance with the ITAR, on a case-by-case basis to determine whether they conform to UNSCR 1701.

United States compliance with UNSCR 1701 is implemented according to 22 CFR 126.1(c) of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) under the authority of the AECA.

This action has been taken pursuant to sections 38 and 42 of the AECA (22 U.S.C. 2778, 2791) and section 126.7 of the ITAR in furtherance of the foreign policy of the United States.

Dated: November 16, 2006.

Robert G. Joseph,

Undersecretary for Arms Control and International Security, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

[Docket No. NHTSA–2006–26283; Notice 1]

**Britax Child Safety, Inc., Receipt of
Petition for Decision of
Inconsequential Noncompliance**

Britax Child Safety, Inc. (Britax) has determined that certain child restraint systems that it produced in 2006 do not comply with S5.1.1 of 49 CFR 571.213, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 213, “Child restraint systems.” Britax 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), Britax 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 Britax’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 34,355 Britax Marathon Child Restraint Systems (models E9L06, E9W06, and E906) produced between May 23 and July 28, 2006. S5.1.1 of FMVSS No. 213 requires that the child restraint system exhibit no complete separation of any load bearing structural element during dynamic testing. When the noncompliant child restraint systems were tested, the top tether hook opened and released from the top tether anchor. Britax has corrected the problem that caused these errors so that they will not be repeated in future production.

Britax believes that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety and that no corrective action is warranted. Britax states that the system has “excellent biomechanical performance * * * even with the opening of the system’s top tether hook.” Britax says that the systems “exceed expectation with head excursion well below the limit for products in which this performance is actually measured,” even though the noncompliant systems are not required to meet head excursion limits. Britax also points out that there was a lower HIC and lower chest acceleration with the top tether hook open than when not open, and “[t]hese results demonstrate that the opening of the top tether dissipates some of the occupant energy

and thereby reduc[es] overall biomechanical injury measures.”

Britax concludes that the open top tether hook is inconsequential to the system working. Britax states, “The biomechanical results and performance of the other structural components of the Marathon prove that the *system* [emphasis in original] does what is it intended to do—that is, save children’s lives.”

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 16, 2007.

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

Issued on: December 11, 2006.

Daniel C. Smith,

Associate Administrator for Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2006-26423; Notice 1]

Hankook Tire Company, Ltd., Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Hankook Tire Co., Ltd. (Hankook) has determined that certain tires that it produced in 2001 through 2006 do not comply with S5.5(h) of 49 CFR 571.139, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 139, “New pneumatic radial tires for light vehicles.” Hankook 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), Hankook 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 Hankook’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 99,620 passenger car temporary spare tires produced between January 2001 and September 2006. S5.5(h) of FMVSS No. 139 requires that the tires have a sidewall marking “radial” if the tire is a radial ply tire. These tires lack the word “radial” in the sidewall marking. Hankook has corrected the problem that caused these errors so that they will not be repeated in future production.

Hankook believes that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety and that no corrective action is warranted. Hankook states that the noncompliance “affects consumer information only and does not affect safety of the tires.” Hankook further states that the tires comply with all other FMVSS requirements.

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.

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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: (30 days after Publication Date).

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

Issued on: December 11, 2006.

Claude H. Harris,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Special Permit

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applications for modification of special permit.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation’s Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR Part 107, Subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. This notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier **Federal Register** publications, they are not repeated here. Request of modifications of special permits (e.g. to provide for additional hazardous