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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to upgrade the existing roadway from State Route-64 at Bolivar to State Route-100, a distance of approximately 10 miles.

Alternatives to be considered include: (1) No-build; (2) a Transportation System Management (TSM) alternative; (3) one or more build alternatives that could include constructing a roadway on a new location, upgrading existing State Route-18, or a combination of both, and (4) other alternatives that may arise from public input. Public scoping meetings will be held for the project corridor. As part of the scoping process, federal, state, and local agencies and officials; private organizations; citizens; and interest groups will have an opportunity to identify issues of concern and provide input on the purpose and need for the project, range of alternatives, methodology, and the development of the Environmental Impact Statement. A Coordination Plan will be developed to include the public in the project development process. This plan will utilize the following outreach efforts to provide information and solicit input: newsletters, an Internet Web site, e-mail and direct mail, informational meetings and briefings, public hearings, and other efforts as necessary and appropriate. A public hearing will be held upon completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearings.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are identified and taken into account, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments and questions concerning the proposed action should be directed to the FHWA contact person identified above at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this proposed program)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Sunshine Act Meetings; Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

TIME AND DATE: March 15, 2007, 1 p.m. to 4:20 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

PLACE: This meeting will take place telephonically. Any interested person may call Mr. Avelino Gutierrez at (505) 827-4565 to receive the toll free number and pass code needed to participate in this meeting by telephone.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors (the Board) will continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement. The Board may consider and adopt recommendations made to the Board by its Revenue and Fees Subcommittee to revise the fee scale that the Board originally recommended to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and other matters that may properly come before the Board.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Avelino Gutierrez, Chair, Unified Carrier Registration Board of Directors at (505) 827-4565.

Dated: March 5, 2007.

John H. Hill,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2006-26421; Notice 2]

Hankook Tire Co., Ltd.; Grant of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Hankook Tire Co., Ltd. (Hankook) has determined that certain tires that it produced in 2005 and 2006 do not comply with S5.5.5 of 49 CFR 571.139, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 139, "New pneumatic

radial tires for light vehicles." 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 December 13, 2006, in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 74995). NHTSA received no comments.

Affected are a total of approximately 283,815 passenger car temporary spare tires produced between January 2005 and September 2006. Although Hankook asserted that they had certified the subject tires to the requirements of FMVSS No. 139, only tires manufactured between June 26, 2003 and January 6, 2006 were permitted, at the manufacturer's option, to be certified to the requirements of FMVSS No. 139.¹ See "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Tires," 68 FR 38116 (June 26, 2003) and 71 FR 877 (January 6, 2006). For tires manufactured after January 6, 2006, FMVSS No. 109, "New Pneumatic Tires" is the only safety standard to which temporary spares could be certified. Therefore, Hankook's petition is being processed as applying to FMVSS No. 109 in addition to FMVSS No. 139. In either standard, the noncompliance issue is the same; however, different paragraphs are referenced for the two standards. S4.3.5 of FMVSS No. 109 and S5.5.5 of FMVSS No. 139 require that the tires have a sidewall marking "inflate to 420 kPa (60 psi)" of no less than 12.7 mm high. In the marking on the noncompliant tires, the letters "a" and "s" are 12.3 mm and 11.9 mm high respectively. Hankook has corrected the problems that caused these errors so that they will not be repeated in future productions.

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.

NHTSA agrees with Hankook that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. As Hankook states, even with the reduced size of the "a" and "s" on the sidewall marking the user or purchaser of the tire can still

¹ All temporary spares were required to be certified to FMVSS No. 109 until June 26, 2003 when FMVSS No. 139 took effect. However, the agency moved temporary spares back to FMVSS No. 109 after January 6, 2006 by granting a petition for reconsideration.