

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Comments Invited**

The proposed policy statement is available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.faa.gov/avr/air/anm/draftpolicy/interim.htm>. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can obtain a copy of the policy statement by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The FAA invites your comments on this proposed policy statement. We will accept your comments, data, views, or arguments by letter, fax, or e-mail. Send your comments to the person indicated in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Mark your comments, "Comments to Policy Statement ANM-01-111-165."

Use the following format when preparing your comments:

- Organize your comments issue-by-issue.
- For each issue, state what specific change you are requesting to the proposed general statement of policy.
- Include justification, reasons, or data for each change you are requesting.

We also welcome comments in support of the proposed policy.

We will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments. We may change the proposed policy because of the comments received.

**Background**

The policy contained in the memorandum should be applied to all transport airplane programs for an acceptable method of compliance with 14 CFR part 25 for inseat power supply systems (ISPSS) installations.

This policy covers the approval of low voltage and high voltage systems. Nominal output voltages differing from the typical voltage values specified above may also be considered for approval using the guidelines specified in this policy.

This policy does not cover the approval of the use of such portable electrical devices or any interconnecting means used to power such equipment onboard an aircraft.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on August 16, 2001.

**Vi L. Lipski,**

*Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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

[Docket No. NHTSA-2001-9548; Notice 2]

**Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., Grant of Application for Decision That Noncompliance Is Inconsequential to Motor Vehicle Safety**

Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc. (Bridgestone) has determined that approximately 442,479 tires of various sizes and types 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), Bridgestone 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 on May 8, 2001, with a 30-day comment period (66 FR 23316). NHTSA received no comments on this application.

The petition covers multiple sizes and types of tires produced in Bridgestone's Wilson, North Carolina, plant during the last week of 2000 and the first week of 2001. The 442,479 affected tires were marked with the incorrect DOT week/year in the DOT serial, the numbering scheme specified for tire manufacture date in 49 CFR Part 574.5, "Tire Identification and Record Keeping, Tire Identification Requirements."

According to Bridgestone, some tires produced during the last production week of 2000 (December 31, 2000 through January 6, 2001) were incorrectly marked with a date of 0101. The correct marking of the four-digit date code for that week is 5300. The remaining noncompliant tires were incorrectly marked 0201 for the week of January 7, 2001 through January 13, 2001. The correct marking for that production week is 0101.

Bridgestone stated that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety because all affected tires meet all requirements of 49 CFR 571.109, except paragraph S4.3, *Labeling Requirements*. Also, according to Bridgestone, the erroneous date of manufacture marked on the tires can still be used by the company to identify the tires in the event of a recall, which is the primary purpose for the date of manufacture labeling requirement.

The agency believes that the true measure of inconsequentiality to motor vehicle safety in this case is the effect of the noncompliance on the ability of

the tire manufacturer to identify the tires in the event of recall. In this case, the manufacturer did not omit any of the information required by FMVSS No. 109 or the 49 CFR part 574.5, but labeled the date code portion of the tire identification incorrectly. Additionally, the manufacturer's report to the agency (49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports") indicated that the noncompliant tires are documented in the company's records. Based on the information provided by Bridgestone, the agency believes the information included on the tire identification label and the manufacturer's tire production records is sufficient to insure that these tires can be identified in the event of a recall.

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

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

Issued on: August 21, 2001.

**Stephen R. Kratzke,**

*Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service**

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the date, time, and location for the quarterly meeting of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations (COAC), and the provisional agenda for consideration by the Committee.

**DATES:** The next meeting of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service will be held on Friday, September 14, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. in Detroit, MI. The duration of the meeting will be approximately four hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gordana S. Earp, Deputy Director, Tariff and Trade Affairs (Enforcement), Office of the Under Secretary (Enforcement), Telephone: (202) 622-0336.

At this meeting, the Advisory Committee is expected to pursue the following agenda. The agenda may be modified prior to the meeting.

#### Agenda

- (1) Merchandise Processing Fee
- (2) Office of Rules & Regulations—Ruling Backlog
- (3) Compliance Assessment Team Program
- (4) Import Data & Customs Entry Issues: including ACE (Automated Commercial Environment) development; impact of bill S.1214; “Port and Maritime Security Act of 2001”; Study on Entry Procedures and Data Requirements
- (5) Update on Other Customs Matters

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public; however, participation in the Committee’s deliberations is limited to Committee members, Customs and Treasury Department staff, and persons invited to attend the meeting for special presentations. A person other than an Advisory Committee member who wishes to attend the meeting should contact Theresa Manning at (202) 622-0220 or Helen Belt at (202) 622-0230.

Dated: August 21, 2001.

**Timothy E. Skud,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary,  
Regulatory, Tariff, and Trade (Enforcement).*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### United States Customs Service

[T.D. 01-60]

#### Customs Accreditation and Approval of National Marine Consultants Incorporated as a Commercial Laboratory and Commercial Gauger

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of accreditation and approval of National Marine Consultants, Inc. of Matawan, New Jersey as a commercial laboratory and commercial gauger.

**SUMMARY:** National Marine Consultants, Inc. of Matawan, New Jersey, has applied to U.S. Customs under Parts 151.12 and 151.13 of the Customs Regulations for accreditation as a commercial laboratory to analyze petroleum products under Chapter 27 and Chapter 29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) and approval as a commercial gauger to gauge petroleum products under

Chapter 27 and Chapter 29, animal and vegetable oils under Chapter 15 and organic compounds under Chapter 29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Customs has determined that this company meets all of the requirements for accreditation as a commercial laboratory and approval as a commercial gauger. Specifically, National Marine Consultants, Inc. has been granted laboratory accreditation to perform the following test methods at their Thorofare, New Jersey site: (1) API Gravity, ASTM D 287 & ASTM D 1298; (2) Sediment, ATSM D 473 & ASTM D 95; (3) Distillation, ASTM D 86; (4) Saybolt Universal Viscosity, ASTM D 445; (5) Percent by weight of Sulfur, ASTM D 4294. Additionally, National Marine Consultants, Inc. has been granted approval to gauge petroleum products under Chapter 27 and Chapter 29, animal and vegetable oils under Chapter 15 and organic compounds under Chapter 29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Therefore, in accordance with Parts 151.12 and 151.13 of the Customs Regulations, National Marine Consultants, Inc. is hereby accredited to analyze and approved to gauge the products named above.

**LOCATION:** National Marine Consultants, Inc. accredited and approved site is located at: 650 Grove Road, Suite 111, Thorofare, New Jersey 08086.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 13, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Parker, National Quality Manager, Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1500 North, Washington, DC 20229, (202) 927-1060.

Dated: August 20, 2001.

**Ira S. Reese,**

*Acting Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### United States Customs Service

#### Extension of General Program Test for Transfer of International In-Transit Baggage

**AGENCY:** Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces that the test originally announced in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 2000, and modified by a notice published in the **Federal Register** on June 16, 2000,

regarding the transfer of international in-transit baggage is being extended for an additional year. The time for applying to participate in the test also is being reopened for an additional six-month period.

**DATES:** The testing period is extended to August 16, 2002. Written applications to participate in the test must be filed with Customs on or before February 15, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Air carriers that have entered into an agreement with the Government by signing an Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) Memorandum of Understanding may apply to participate in the program test by submitting a letter of application to the port director with jurisdiction over the airport where the transfer of international in-transit baggage will occur. Air carriers that wish to participate in the test can apply to participate in the APIS program by contacting Mike Cronin, Acting Executive Associate Commissioner for the Office of Programs, U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For operational or policy matters: Carlene Warren, Passenger Programs Branch, Office of Field Operations (202) 927-1391.

For regulatory matters: Larry L. Burton, Office of Regulations and Rulings (202) 927-1287.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On February 23, 2000, Customs published a general notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 9054) announcing a program test that allows participating air carriers to more efficiently transfer accompanied air passenger baggage from one aircraft entering the United States to another aircraft departing from the United States enroute to a foreign destination. Under the test, participating air carriers will not be required to file an air cargo manifest (Customs Form 7509) but will instead electronically transmit certain required information to Customs while a flight is enroute to the United States.

The notice specified that the test covers accompanied, international, in-transit, checked baggage that arrives in the United States aboard one aircraft and departs from the United States aboard another aircraft. (This baggage is referred to as international-to-international baggage or ITI baggage.) The notice explained the air cargo manifest requirement and the ordinary ITI baggage processing procedure as provided for under the Customs Regulations; described the Advance