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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2013–0136]

Decision That Certain Nonconforming Motor Vehicles Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Grant of Petitions.

SUMMARY: This document announces decisions by NHTSA that certain motor vehicles not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) are eligible for importation into the United States because they are substantially similar to vehicles originally manufactured for sale in the United States and certified by their manufacturers as complying with the safety standards, and they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards or because they have safety features that comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable FMVSS.

DATES: These decisions became effective on the dates specified in Annex A.

ADDRESSES: For further information contact Mr. Coleman Sachs, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202–366–3151).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all

applicable FMVSS shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and/or sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable FMVSS.

Where there is no substantially similar U.S.-certified motor vehicle, 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(B) permits a nonconforming motor vehicle to be admitted into the United States if its safety features comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable FMVSS based on destructive test data or such other evidence as NHTSA decides to be adequate.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR part 592. As specified in 49 CFR 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the **Federal Register** of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period, NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible for importation. The agency then publishes this decision in the **Federal Register**.

NHTSA received petitions from registered importers to decide whether the vehicles listed in Annex A to this notice are eligible for importation into the United States. To afford an opportunity for public comment, NHTSA published notice of these petitions as specified in Annex A. The reader is referred to those notices for the thorough description of the petitions.

Comments: No substantive comments were received in response to the petitions identified in Appendix A.

NHTSA Decision: Accordingly, on the basis of the foregoing, NHTSA hereby decides that each motor vehicle listed in Annex A to this notice, which was not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable FMVSS, is either substantially similar to a motor vehicle manufactured for importation into and/or sale in the United States, and certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, as specified in Annex A, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable FMVSS or has safety features that comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

Vehicle Eligibility Number for Subject Vehicles: The importer of a vehicle admissible under any final decision must indicate on the form HS–7 accompanying entry the appropriate vehicle eligibility number indicating that the vehicle is eligible for entry. Vehicle eligibility numbers assigned to vehicles admissible under this decision are specified in Annex A.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A), (a)(1)(B) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.7; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.7.

Issued on: December 4, 2013.

Claude H. Harris,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

Annex A—Nonconforming Motor Vehicles Decided To Be Eligible for Importation

1. Docket No. NHTSA–2013–0033

Nonconforming Vehicles: 1996

Chevrolet Impala Passenger Cars
Substantially Similar U.S. Certified
Vehicles: 1996 Chevrolet Impala
Passenger Cars

Notice of Petition Published at: 78 FR
45997 (July 30, 2013)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–561
(effective date September 12, 2013)

2. Docket No. NHTSA–2013–0020

Nonconforming Vehicles: 2005 Jaguar
XKR Passenger Cars

Substantially Similar U.S. Certified
Vehicles: 2005 Jaguar XKR Passenger
Cars

Notice of Petition Published at: 78 FR
45999 (July 30, 2013)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–560
(effective date September 12, 2013)

3. Docket No. NHTSA–2013–0034

Nonconforming Vehicles: 2004 BMW
760i Passenger Cars

Substantially Similar U.S. Certified
Vehicles: 2004 BMW 760i Passenger
Cars

Notice of Petition Published at: 78 FR
44621 (July 24, 2013)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–559
(effective date September 6, 2013)

4. Docket No. NHTSA–2013–0059, NHTSA–2013–0032

Nonconforming Vehicles: 2005, 2006
Mercedes-Benz SLR Passenger Cars
(Manufactured Prior to September 1,
2006)

Substantially Similar U.S. Certified
Vehicles: 2005, 2006 Mercedes-Benz
SLR Passenger Cars (Manufactured
Prior to September 1, 2006)

Notice of Petition Published at: 78 FR
38442 (June 26, 2013)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–558
(effective date August 2, 2013)

5. Docket No. NHTSA–2013–0062

Nonconforming Vehicles: 2002 BMW R1100 S Motorcycles

Substantially Similar U.S. Certified Vehicles: 2002 BMW R1100 S Motorcycles

Notice of Petition Published at: 78 FR 29811 (May 21, 2013)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–557 (effective date July 26, 2013)

6. Docket No. NHTSA–2013–0061

Nonconforming Vehicles: 2003 BMW K1200 GT Motorcycles

Substantially Similar U.S. Certified Vehicles: 2003 BMW K1200 GT Motorcycles

Notice of Petition Published at: 78 FR 29810 (May 21, 2013)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–556 (effective date July 26, 2013)

7. Docket No. NHTSA–2013–0037, NHTSA–2013–0032

Nonconforming Vehicles: 2005, 2006, 2007 Alpine B5 Series Passenger Cars (Manufactured Prior to September 1, 2006)

Because there are no substantially similar U.S.—certified version 2005, 2006, 2007 Alpine B5 Series Passenger Cars (Manufactured Prior to September 1, 2006) the petitioner sought import eligibility under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(B).

Notice of Petition Published at: 78 FR 30961 (May 23, 2013)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VCP–53 (effective date July 26, 2013)

8. Docket No. NHTSA–2013–0064

Nonconforming Vehicles: 1988–1996 Alpine B10 Series Passenger Cars

Because there are no substantially similar U.S.—certified version 1988–1996 Alpine B10 Series Passenger Cars the petitioner sought import eligibility under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(B).

Notice of Petition Published at: 78 FR 59092 (September 25, 2013)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VCP–54 (effective date November 14, 2013)

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

[Docket No. NHTSA–2013–0125; Notice 1]

Hankook Tire America Corp, Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Receipt of petition.

SUMMARY: Hankook Tire America Corp, (Hankook) has determined that certain model year Hankook Roadhandler Sport (H432) tires manufactured between June 21, 2013 and August 29, 2013, do not fully comply with paragraph S5.5(f) of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 139, *New Pneumatic Radial Tires for Light Vehicles*. Hankook has filed an appropriate report dated October 4, 2013, pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, *Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports*.

DATES: The closing date for comments on the petition is January 9, 2014.

ADDRESSES: 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:* Send comments by mail addressed to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Deliver:* Deliver comments by hand to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Federal Holidays.

- *Electronically:* Submit comments electronically by: Logging onto the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Comments may also be faxed to (202) 493–2251.

Comments must be written in the English language, and be no greater than 15 pages in length, although there is no limit to the length of necessary attachments to the comments. If comments are submitted in hard copy form, please ensure that two copies are provided. If you wish to receive

confirmation that your comments were received, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard with the comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

Documents submitted to a docket may be viewed by anyone at the address and times given above. The documents may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by following the online instructions for accessing the dockets. DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement is available for review in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477–78).

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Hankook's Petition: Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h) (see implementing rule at 49 CFR part 556), Hankook submitted a petition 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.

II. Tires Involved: Affected are approximately 6,257 Roadhandler Sport (H432), size 215/45R17 91W XL, Hankook tires manufactured between June 21, 2013 and August 29, 2013.

III. Noncompliance: Hankook explains that the noncompliance is that, due to a mold labeling error, the sidewall marking on the side of the tires incorrectly describes the actual number of plies in the tread area of the tires as required by paragraph S5.5(f) of 49 CFR 571.139. Specifically, the tires in question were inadvertently manufactured with “Ply Tread 2 steel + 1 Polyester + 2 Nylon, Sidewall 1 Polyester.” The correct labeling and stamping to match the tire construction should have been “Ply Tread 2 steel + 1 Polyester + 1 Nylon, Sidewall 1 Polyester.”

IV. Rule Text: Paragraph S5.5(f) of FMVSS No. 139 requires in pertinent part: