Furthermore, BMW mentioned that their owner’s manual contains tire information and that vehicle owners can contact BMW Roadside Assistance, BMW Assist, and BMW Customer Relations for additional assistance.

For the vehicles where the FMVSS No. 110 required vehicle placard lists information for an 18 inch tire, including tire size and recommended inflation pressure, when a 19 inch tire was originally installed on the vehicle, a different analysis needs to be considered. FMVSS No. 110 requires that the original tires installed on a vehicle and the tires listed on the vehicle placard be the same size, and that the tires at the manufacturer recommended inflation pressure be appropriate for the designed vehicle maximum load conditions. If a customer were to look at the vehicle placard to determine recommended inflation pressure values they would see values intended for the 18 inch tire and not the 19 inch tire. If that customer did not notice that their vehicle had 19 inch wheels installed they may use the 18 inch tire inflation values which are less than required for the 19 inch tires. If this were the case, calculations show that the 19 inch tire load carrying capacities at the 18 inch tire delineated pressures (with tire load capacity reduced/divided by a 1.1 reduction factor as required in FMVSS No. 110 for passenger car tires used on multi-purpose passenger vehicles) is appropriate for the front and rear specified GAWR’s in all affected vehicle models except for the “worst case” model with the heaviest GAWR which is the axle rating assigned by BMW to the X5sxDrive35i 7-seater rear axle. For a 19 inch tire at an 18 inch recommended inflation pressure of 33 PSI and 41 PSI front and rear axles respectively, a front tire load rating is 810 kg, then, with a 10% reduction factor results in a value of 736 kg or a total of 1,472 kg front axle load carrying capacity. This value exceeds all four front GAWR values provided by BMW for the four models of vehicles with the largest axle rating value of 1,334 kg. At 41 psi, the per tire load rating equates to 950 kg, then with a 10% reduction factor becomes 864 kg per tire or 1,727 kg rear axle load carrying capacity. The 1,727 kg value is larger than rear axle GAWR values provided by BMW on three models, but not on the fourth model, the 7-seat X5 vehicle which has a rear GAWR of 1,742 kg. For this model at full load capacity, the tires technically, are undersized for the rear axle by 15 kg (1,742 kg–1,727 kg) or approximately 33 pounds divided by the two tires resulting in approximately 15 pounds per tire. In follow-up discussions with BMW, they indicated that only five of the 68 non-compliant vehicles are the 7-seat model, and agreed that for those five vehicles new corrected FMVSS No. 110 vehicle placard labels will be sent to the owners. On 08/16/2016, BMW confirmed that the respective five owners were contacted and new vehicle placards were mailed out.

NHTSA’s Decision: Considering the above analysis, the fact that BMW stated they have no reports of accidents or injuries due to this noncompliance, and that BMW is providing corrected replacement labels to the five owners of the 7-seat model X5 which has tire overload potential, NHTSA finds that BMW has met its burden of persuasion that the subject FMVSS No. 110 rim and tire size labeling noncompliances on the subject vehicles are inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Accordingly, BMW’s petition is hereby granted and BMW is consequently exempted from the obligation of providing notification of, and a free remedy for, that noncompliance under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120. NHTSA notes that the statutory provisions (49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h)) that permit manufacturers to file petitions for a determination of inconsequentiality allow NHTSA to exempt manufacturers only from the duties found in sections 30118 and 30120, respectively, to notify owners, purchasers, and dealers of a defect or noncompliance and to remedy the defect or noncompliance. Therefore, this decision only applies to the subject vehicles that BMW no longer controlled at the time it determined that the noncompliance existed. However, the granting of this petition does not relieve vehicle distributors and dealers of the prohibitions on the sale, offer for sale, or introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of the noncompliant vehicles under their control after BMW notified them that the subject noncompliance existed.

Authority: (49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.95 and 501.8)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration


Hazardous Materials: International Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material (SSR–6); Draft Revision Available for Comment

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; document availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: PHMSA seeks public comment on a draft revision of the International Atomic Energy Agency’s (IAEA) “Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material” (SSR–6), which is scheduled for publication in 2018. PHMSA and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will submit comments jointly to the IAEA regarding the draft document. PHMSA thereby requests public input to assist in U.S. comment development.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 28, 2016. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so; however, we are only able to assure consideration for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

• Fax: 1–202–493–2251.

Hand Delivery: To U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Operations, M–30, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: Include the agency name and docket number PHMSA–2016–0064 for this notice at the beginning of your comment. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov including any personal information provided. If sent by mail, comments must be submitted in duplicate. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard.
alternative text. Please note that to date, PHMSA has harmonized the U.S. domestic hazardous materials regulations in 49 CFR with the 2009 edition of the IAEA regulations, as revised in 2014 [Docket No. PHMSA–2009–0063 (HM–250)]. The NRC is currently developing a rulemaking to harmonize with the 2012 edition of SSR–6. PHMSA may also develop a subsequent domestic compatibility rulemaking after IAEA’s final publication of the 2018 revised SSR–6.

II. Public Participation

The ADDRESSES section of this notice specifies methods and instructions for submitting comments. Comments must be submitted in writing (Microsoft Word file is the preferred format for electronic submissions) and should include the following:

- Name;
- Address;
- Relevant paragraph number in the document being reviewed; and
- When appropriate, proposed alternative text.

Commenters may also provide contact information, such as a telephone number and/or email address.

PHMSA and the NRC will review the comments received and, based on part of the information received, will develop comments on the revised draft of SSR–6 to be submitted to the IAEA.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 8, 2016.

William S. Schoonover,
Acting Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463; 5 U.S.C. App. I), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC). The meeting will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EDT) on Friday, September 30, 2016 via conference call at the SLSDC’s Policy Headquarters, 55 M Street SE., Suite 930, Washington, DC 20003. The agenda for this meeting will be as follows: Opening Remarks; Consideration of Minutes of Past Meeting; Quarterly Report: Old and New Business; Closing Discussion; Adjournment.

Attendance at the meeting is open to the interested public but limited to the space available. With the approval of the Administrator, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing further information should contact, not later than Friday, September 23, 2016, Charles Wipperfurth, Deputy Chief of Staff, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590; 202–366–0091.

Any member of the public may present a written statement to the Advisory Board at any time.

Issued at Washington, DC, on September 7, 2016.

Carrie Lavigne,
Chief Counsel.

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