

To Whom It May Concern:

Hoosier, Kumho, Yokohama and other tire manufacturers supply relatively small numbers DOT approved specialty tires to automotive enthusiasts for some kinds of automotive events, primarily driving schools and autocrosses, that fall short of racing. The proposed regulations for tire safety will make these tires uneconomical to produce. Accordingly, I suggest that the new standard be amended to include an exception for small numbers of these specialty tires somewhat as follows:

Maintain the existing FMVSS 109 for tires with annual production per size and design that does not exceed 15,000. And, modification to the proposed FMVSS 119 to maintain the existing FMVSS 119 testing standard for tires with annual production per size and design that does not exceed 15,000 for use on light trucks with GVWR of 10,000 lbs or less.