If a commenter wishes to submit certain information under a claim of confidentiality, 3 copies of the complete submission including the purportedly confidential business information should be submitted to the Chief Counsel, NHTSA at the street address shown above, and 7 copies from which the purportedly confidential information has been expunged should be submitted to the Docket Section. A request for confidentiality should be accompanied by a cover letter setting forth the information specified in 49 CFR § 512, the agency’s confidential business information regulation.

All comments received on or before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated above for the proposal will be considered, and will be available to the public for examination in the docket at the above address both before and after the closing date. To the extent possible, comments received too late for consideration in regard to the final rule will be considered as suggestions for further rulemaking action. The public docket will be available for public inspection in the docket. NHTSA will continue to file relevant information in the docket after the closing date, and it is recommended that interested persons continue to monitor the docket for new material.

Those persons desiring to be notified upon receipt of their comments in the rules docket should enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard in the envelope with their comments. Upon receiving the comments the docket supervisor will return the postcard by mail.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 571

Imports, Motor vehicles, Motor vehicle safety, Rubber and rubber products, Tires.

In consideration of the foregoing, NHTSA proposes to amend 49 CFR part 571 as follows:

PART 571—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 571 would continue to read as follows:


2. Section 571.108 would be amended by adding in S4, in alphabetical order, definitions of “fully opened” and “headlamp concealment device,” moving S11 Photometric Test from its position in the text following the “Note” which appears after Table IV, to a position immediately following paragraph S10(b), and adding S12

Headlamp Concealment Devices to read as follows:


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S4. Definitions

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Fully opened means the position of the headlamp concealment device in which the headlamp is in the design open operating position.

Headlamp concealment device means a device, with its operating system and components, that provides concealment of the headlamp when it is not in use, including a movable headlamp cover and a headlamp that displaces for concealment purposes.

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S12. Headlamp Concealment Devices

S12.1 While the headlamp is illuminated, its fully opened headlamp concealment device shall remain fully opened should any loss of power to or within the headlamp concealment device occur.

S12.2 Whenever any malfunction occurs in a component that controls or conducts power for the actuation of the concealment device, each closed headlamp concealment device shall be capable of being fully opened by a means not requiring the use of any tools. Thereafter, the headlamp concealment device must remain fully opened until intentionally closed.

S12.3 Each headlamp concealment device shall be installed so that the headlamp may be mounted, aimed, and adjusted without removing any component of the device, other than components of the headlamp assembly.

S12.4 Except for cases of malfunction covered by S12.2, each headlamp concealment device shall, within an ambient temperature range of –20° to +120° F., be capable of being fully opened in not more than 3 seconds after the actuation of a driver-operated control.

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§571.108 [Amended]

3. In §571.108, a new heading is added following §12.4 and preceding the figures to read “Figures to §571.108”.

4. In §571.108, Figures 1a, 1b and 1c which follow §5.1.1.6 and Figure 2 which follows §5.1.1.18 are moved to appear after the heading “Figures to §571.108” in numerical order.

§571.112 [Removed and reserved]

5. Section 571.112 would be removed in its entirety and reserved.

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