

L. Taylor Ward, III Vice President & General Counsel Southeast Toyota Distributors, LLC

100 N.W. 12th Avenue Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442 (954) 429-2242 • Fax (954) 429-2195 E-Mail: taylor.ward@setoyota.com

May 12, 2011

Mr. Daniel C. Smith Senior Associate Administrator for Vehicle Safety National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: FMVSS 138 Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems Part 573, Non-Compliance Information Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

In accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573, Southeast Toyota Distributors, LLC. ("SET") hereby submits the attached Non-Compliance Information Report concerning certain branded Toyota vehicles distributed by SET that do not meet certain requirements of FMVSS 138, Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact me at (954) 429-2242.

Sincerely,

SOUTHEAST TOYOTA DISTRIBUTORS, LLC

L. Taylor Ward, III

Vice President & General Counsel

Attachment

## NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT

# 1. Vehicle Distributor Name:

Southeast Toyota Distributors, LLC 100 Jim Moran Blvd Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442 (954) 429-2000

# 2. Identification of Affected Vehicles:

Based on production and sales records, we have determined the affected vehicle population as set forth in the table below on which accessory Light Truck (LT) tires were installed at the vehicle processing centers operated by Southeast Toyota Distributors, LLC ("SET"), prior to first sale:

Table 1: Tundra

10/041	MAX	VDS	CTADT	FINICH
WMI	MY	VDS	START	FINISH
	2007	BT541	S455214	S457074
		BV541	S466604	S490506
		BV581	S486971	S486971
		DT541	S455833	S455833
		DV541	S466711	S490966
5TB	2008	BT541	S458723	S460256
		BV541	S492301	S522226
		DT541	S458754	S458754
		DV541	S495773	S521618
		DV581	S519141	S496343
		RV541	S478768	S478768

Table 1: Tundra (Cont'd)

WMI	MY	VDS	START	FINISH
		BT541	X001599	X008731
	2007	BV541	X010362	X026620
		BV581	X017319	X017319
		CT541	X002169	X002053
		CV541	X004364	X003584
		DV541	X026232	X027203
	2008	BT541	X010829	X012644
		BV541	X040995	X075284
		CV541	X006634	X006082
		DT541	X010815	X011132
5TF		DV541	X040701	X073057
	2009	BW541	X085515	X094402
		DW541	X087032	X091796
	2010	DW5F1	X095049	X151238
		UM5F1	X005565	X012255
		UW5F1	X102162	X156262
	2011	CW5F1	X10C127	X10C127
		DW5F1	X159978	X181311
		UM5F1	X017063	X020656
		UW5F1	X181351	X192101
		UY5F1	X190781	X190386

Note: (1) Although all of the potentially involved vehicles are within the above VIN range, not all of the vehicles in this range actually contain the accessory LT tires at issue.

## 3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected:

SET estimates that about **1,629** vehicles on which accessory Light Truck (LT) tires were installed at vehicle processing centers operated by SET prior to first sale are included in this population.

## 4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Experience Noncompliance:

100 % of the vehicles on which accessory LT tires were installed at vehicle processing centers operated by SET prior to first sale.

#### 5. Description of Noncompliance:

FMVSS 138 S4.2(a) requires that the tire pressure monitoring system must illuminate a low tire pressure warning telltale not more than 20 minutes after the inflation pressure in one or more of the vehicle's tires, up to a total of four tires, is equal to or less than either the pressure 25 percent below the vehicle manufacturer's recommended cold inflation pressure, or the pressure specified in the 3rd

column of Table 1 of this standard for the corresponding type of tire, whichever is higher.

The vehicle model(s) noted above left the assembly plants with tire pressure monitoring systems calibrated properly to meet FMVSS 138 S4.2(a) requirements with the wheels and P-metic tires installed at the plants. In the affected vehicles, accessory LT tires (Load Range D or E) were installed by SET at its vehicle processing centers prior to distribution to dealers and prior to first sale. When the tires were changed, the tire pressure monitoring systems of the affected vehicles were not re-calibrated correctly, and therefore do not start illuminating the low tire pressure warning telltale at the required minimum activation pressure specified in Table 1.

#### 6. Test results and other information:

When the accessory LT tires were being sourced for application on the subject vehicles, it was not recognized that there would be an effect on the compliance of the tire pressure monitoring system. SET became aware of the potential issue on or about March 7, 2011 from TMS and an investigation was undertaken to determine whether any vehicles distributed by SET might be subject to the same condition. SET contacted the tire supplier for the necessary information. Based on information provided in response to SET's inquiries, it was determined on April 11, 2011 that load range D and E LT tires were installed by SET on the above referenced vehicles and SET determined that the vehicles were noncompliant with FMVSS 138 S4.2(a).

#### 7. <u>Description of Corrective Repair Action:</u>

All known owners of the affected vehicles on which the accessory LT tires were installed by SET prior to first sale will be notified by first class mail to return their vehicles to a Toyota dealer in order to re-initialize the tire pressure monitoring system in accordance with the regulation.

#### 8. Reimbursement Plan for pre-notification remedies:

All affected vehicle owners for this recall will be provided a re-initialization of the tire pressure monitoring system at no cost.

#### 9. Recall Schedule:

Owner notification of affected vehicles will begin in June, 2011

# 10. Dealer Notification Schedule:

Dealers will be notified and a list of the affected VIN's will be mailed to each dealer in May, 2011.