



Dear LGS Dealer,

Recently, an article was published in an industry publication reminding everyone of the process for recording Tire Identification Numbers (TINs) for every tire delivered with a new trailer or sold separately to a retail customer. We provide a TIN card in every owner's packet and with each tire we sell loose as a parts order or as a spare. Additionally, we provide TIN Cards for trailers shipped with tires not installed on the trailer. These TIN Cards come postage paid and self-addressed with a place to add the retail customer's name and address. This is a federal requirement brought about by the TREAD Act from the Ford recall and tire-related fatalities.

We would like to reinforce the need for you to complete and mail the TIN Cards or go to the web address on the card to fill in the tire and customer data. Please review with your retail customer the entire provided packet and owner's manual which includes the following items: the build sheet that describes all the features of the trailer, the Limited Liability Statement, a CD copy of the owner's manual, and brochures with a TIN card from our tire manufacturers.

Take the time to fill out the warranty card and TIN card, as they are the best way for us or one of our suppliers to find the retail customer if there is a recall on any safety related issue. All remaining documents and items should be given to the retail customer at the time of purchase. Our job as a partner and supplier is to educate you on the laws required by NHTSA; and we need your assistance to educate the customer on how to operate and tow their trailers safely. We work hard to provide you with products that drive your profitability, and we feel we work harder than anyone in the industry to keep our products safe!

**Not only are TIN registrations and tracking documents required by federal law, there are important safety descriptions and warnings your customers need to keep them safe.**

**The TIN card as described above should be completed and sent to the tire manufacturer, as required by law at the time of purchase. This can be done with the included TIN card or online at our supplier's website.**

**<https://register.cimstireregistration.com/index.cfm?id=tredit> for tires supplied by Tredit  
OR <https://textrail.com/tin-registration/> for tires supplied by Tex Trail.**

**Failure to return the completed cards could result in fines of \$6,000.00 per unrecorded tire, up to a maximum of \$16,000,000.00.**



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the customer service department at 1-877-475-5665.

Let's work together to keep our highways safe!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Gallagher".

Bill Gallagher  
Warranty Manager



For your convenience, the federal regulations are listed below. Please be aware that it has come to our attention that NHTSA will start focusing on the cargo trailer industry and their compliance with federal regulations.

**§574.8 Information requirements—tire distributors and dealers.**

*(a) Independent distributors and dealers.*

(1) Each independent distributor and each independent dealer selling or leasing new tires to tire purchasers or lessors (hereinafter referred to in this section as “tire purchasers”) shall comply with paragraph (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) or (a)(1)(iii) of this section:

(i) At the time of sale or lease of the tire, provide each tire purchaser with a paper tire registration form on which the distributor or dealer has recorded the following information:

(A) The entire tire identification number of the tire(s) sold or leased to the tire purchaser, and

(B) The distributor's or dealer's name and street address. In lieu of the street address, and if one is available, the distributor or dealer's e-mail address or Web site may be recorded. Other means of identifying the distributor or dealer known to the manufacturer may also be used.

(ii) Record the following information on a paper tire registration form and return it to the tire manufacturer, or its designee, on behalf of the tire purchaser, at no charge to the tire purchaser and within 30 days of the date of sale or lease:

(A) The purchaser's name and address,

(B) The entire tire identification number of the tire(s) sold or leased to the tire purchaser, and

(C) The distributor's or dealer's name and street address. In lieu of the street address, and if one is available, the distributor or dealer's e-mail address or Web site may be recorded. Other means of identifying the distributor or dealer known to the manufacturer may also be used.

(iii) Electronically transmit the following information on the tire registration form by any means listed on the form by the tire manufacturer, or by such other means as may be authorized by the tire manufacturer, to the tire manufacturer or its designee, using secure means (e.g., https on the Web), at no charge to the tire purchaser and within 30 days of the date of sale or lease:

(A) The purchaser's name and address,

(B) The entire tire identification number of the tire(s) sold or leased to the tire purchaser, and

(C) The distributor's or dealer's name and street address. In lieu of the street address, and if one is available, the distributor or dealer's e-mail address or Web site may be recorded. Other means of identifying the distributor or dealer known to the manufacturer may also be used.

(2) Each independent distributor or dealer that complies with paragraph (a)(1)(i) or (ii) of this section shall use either the tire registration forms provided by the tire manufacturers pursuant to §574.7(a) or registration forms obtained from another source. Paper forms obtained from other



sources must comply with the requirements specified in §574.7(a) for forms provided by tire manufacturers to independent distributors and dealers.

(3) Multiple tire sales or leases by the same tire purchaser may be recorded on a single paper registration form or in a single Web site transaction.

(4) Each independent distributor or dealer that is complying with paragraph (a)(1)(iii) with respect to a sale or lease shall include a statement to that effect on the invoice for that sale or lease and provide the invoice to the tire purchaser.

(b) *Other distributors and dealers.*

(1) Each distributor and each dealer, other than an independent distributor or dealer, selling new tires to tire purchasers:

(i) shall submit, using paper registration forms or, if authorized by the tire manufacturer, secure electronic means, the information specified in §574.7(a)(4) to the manufacturer of the tires sold, or to the manufacturer's designee.

(ii) shall submit the information specified in §574.7(a)(4) to the tire manufacturer or the manufacturer's designee, not less often than every 30 days. A distributor or dealer selling fewer than 40 tires of all makes, types and sizes during a 30 day period may wait until a total of 40 new tires is sold. In no event may more than six months elapse before the §574.7(a)(4) information is forwarded to the respective tire manufacturers or their designees.

(c) Each distributor and each dealer selling new tires to other tire distributors or dealers shall supply to the distributor or dealer a means to record the information specified in §574.7(a)(4), unless such means has been provided to that distributor or dealer by another person or by a manufacturer.

(d) Each distributor and each dealer shall immediately stop selling any group of tires when so directed by a notification issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118, *Notification of defects and noncompliance*.

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#### **§574.9 Requirements for motor vehicle dealers.**

(a) Each motor vehicle dealer who sells a used motor vehicle for purposes other than resale, who leases a motor vehicle for more than 60 days, that is equipped with new tires is considered, for purposes of this part, to be a tire dealer and shall meet the requirements specified in §574.8.

(b) Each person selling a motor vehicle to first purchasers for purposes other than resale, that is equipped with new tires that were not on the motor vehicle when shipped by the vehicle manufacturer is considered a tire dealer for purposes of this part and shall meet the requirements specified in §574.8.

(Authority: Secs. 103, 108, 112, 119, 201, Pub. L. 89-563, 80 Stat. 718 (15 U.S.C. 1392, 1397, 1401, 1407, 1421); secs. 102, 103, 104, Pub. L. 93-492, 88 Stat. 1470 (15 U.S.C. 1411-1420); 92 Stat. 2689 (15 U.S.C. 1418); delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.51)