

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

November 9, 2020

Mr. Lawrence Lavigne Foreign Tire Sales, Inc 2444 Morris Avenue Suite 206 Union, NJ 07083

Subject: Potential Crack In Tread

Dear Mr. Lavigne:

This letter serves to acknowledge Foreign Tire Sales, Inc's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-150CL

20T-019

### Makes/Models/Model Years:

OTANI/OH-306/425/65R-22.5

Mfr's Report Date: November 4, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20T-019

**Components:** 

TIRES:TREAD/BELT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 138

### **Problem Description:**

Foreign Tire Sales, Inc (Foreign Tire) is recalling certain Otani OH-306 425/65R-22.5 commercial truck tires with DOT code 0320. Due to a manufacturing defect, the tread may crack.

### **Consequence:**

Cracks in the tread can lead to tread separation and a sudden loss of air pressure, increasing the risk of a crash.

### Remedy

Foreign Tire will notify owners and dealers will reimburse the customer for the affected tires. The manufacturer has not yet provided a schedule for recall notification. Owners may contact Foreign Tire customer service at 1-908-687-0559.

### **Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.



## Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify owners regarding this safety recall. Please be reminded that all owners must be notified of the safety risk associated with this filing within 60 days of the 573 being submitted. If the remedy is not available at that time, mail the interim notice, following it with a second notice once the remedy becomes available. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefor, and furnish a revised estimate. If there are no owners involved in this recall, please state so in the 573 (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Choon Lee who may be reached by phone at 202 366 0388, or by email at choon.lee@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joshua Neff

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

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