

noncompliance report dated May 6, 2020, and later amended it on May 15, 2020, pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, *Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports*. Volkswagen subsequently petitioned NHTSA on May 20, 2020, but amended it on June 8, 2020, for an exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 on the basis that this noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h) and 49 CFR part 556, *Exemption for Inconsequential Defect or Noncompliance*.

This notice of receipt of Volkswagen's petition is published under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120 and does not represent any Agency decision or other exercise of judgment concerning the merits of the petition.

II. Vehicles Involved: Approximately 299,043 of the following MY 2019–2020 Volkswagen and Audi motor vehicles manufactured between November 26, 2018, and February 19, 2020, are potentially involved:

- 2019–2020 Volkswagen Atlas
- 2020 Volkswagen Atlas Cross Sport
- 2019 Volkswagen Golf R
- 2019 Volkswagen Tiguan LWB
- 2019–2020 Volkswagen Jetta NF
- 2019–2020 Volkswagen Jetta GLI
- 2019 Volkswagen Golf Sportwagen A7
- 2019 Audi Q3
- 2019–2020 Volkswagen Golf GTI
- 2019 Volkswagen Golf Alltrack
- 2019–2020 Volkswagen Golf A7
- 2019–2020 Audi A3 Sedan
- 2019 Audi A3 Cabriolet

III. Noncompliance: Volkswagen explains that the noncompliance is that the subject vehicles are equipped with tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMS) that do not fully comply with the requirements set forth in paragraph S6(f)(3) of FMVSS No. 138. Specifically, when there is a simultaneous pressure loss on all four tires, in which pressure loss occurs at the same rate and time, the detection may not occur within the 20-minute timeframe specified in test procedure requirements.

IV. Rule Requirements: Paragraph S6(f)(3) of FMVSS No. 138 includes requirements relevant to this petition. The sum of the total cumulative drive time under paragraphs S6(f)(1) and (2) shall be the lesser of 20 minutes or the time at which the low tire pressure telltale illuminates.

V. Summary of Volkswagen's Petition: The following views and arguments presented in this section, V. Summary of Volkswagen's Petition, are the views and arguments provided by Volkswagen. They have not been evaluated by the Agency and do not

reflect the views of the Agency. Volkswagen described the subject noncompliance and stated their belief that the noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety.

In support of its petition, Volkswagen submitted the following reasoning:

1. A rapid tire pressure loss on one or more tires is accurately detected and the low tire pressure warning telltale will illuminate and warn the driver.

2. A pressure loss on fewer than four tires at the same time and rate will be detected, and the low tire pressure warning telltale will illuminate and warn the driver.

3. A simultaneous pressure loss on all four tires at the same rate will be detected and indicated to the driver, but not in the required 20 minutes. Internal tests have shown that in those tests where the pressure loss was not detected in 20 minutes, a warning to the driver was still shown in under 50 minutes. Volkswagen believes this behavior is not relevant for real world driving, as this particular diffusion scenario, involving all four tires at the same time and same rate, is very unlikely to happen in real world driving.

4. As of the production dates listed below, the condition has been corrected: Volkswagen:

- 2019–2020 Volkswagen Golf vehicles, as of October 26, 2019;
- 2019 Volkswagen Golf Alltrack vehicles, as of October 26, 2019;
- 2019–2020 Volkswagen Golf GTI vehicles, as of October 26, 2019;
- 2019 Volkswagen Golf Sportwagen vehicles, as of August 28, 2019;
- 2019 Volkswagen Golf R vehicles, as of August 20, 2019;
- 2019–2020 Volkswagen Jetta vehicles, as of October 24, 2019;
- 2019–2020 Volkswagen Jetta GLI vehicles, as of October 24, 2019;
- 2019 Volkswagen Tiguan vehicles, as of August 18, 2019;
- 2019–2020 Volkswagen Atlas vehicles, as of February 20, 2020; and
- 2020 Volkswagen Atlas Cross Sport vehicles, as of July 25, 2019.

Audi:

- 2019–2020 Audi A3 vehicles, as of January 25, 2020;
- 2019 Audi A3 Cabriolet vehicles, as of July 13, 2019; and
- 2019 Audi Q3 vehicles, as of July 31, 2019.

5. The affected vehicles held at the factory have been corrected, and unsold units in dealer inventory will be corrected prior to sale.

6. Additionally, Volkswagen is not aware of any field or customer complaints related to this condition, nor

has it been made aware of any accidents or injuries that have occurred as a result of this issue.

Volkswagen concluded by expressing its belief that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety, and that its petition to be exempted from providing notification of the noncompliance, as required by 49 U.S.C. 30118, and a remedy for the noncompliance, as required by 49 U.S.C. 30120, should be granted.

NHTSA notes that the statutory provisions (49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h)) that permit manufacturers to file petitions for a determination of inconsequentiality allow NHTSA to exempt manufacturers only from the duties found in sections 30118 and 30120, respectively, to notify owners, purchasers, and dealers of a defect or noncompliance and to remedy the defect or noncompliance. Therefore, any decision on this petition only applies to the subject vehicles that Volkswagen no longer controlled at the time it determined that the noncompliance existed. However, any decision on this petition does not relieve vehicle distributors and dealers of the prohibitions on the sale, offer for sale, or introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of the noncompliant vehicles under their control after Volkswagen notified them that the subject noncompliance existed.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.95 and 501.8

Otto G. Matheke III,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Fiscal Service

Prompt Payment Interest Rate; Contract Disputes Act

AGENCY: Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of prompt payment interest rate; Contract Disputes Act.

SUMMARY: For the period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending on December 31, 2020, the prompt payment interest rate is 1½% per centum per annum.

DATES: The the prompt payment interest rate is applicable July 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Comments or inquiries may be mailed to: E-Commerce Division, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, 401 14th Street SW, Room 306F, Washington, DC

20227. Comments or inquiries may also be emailed to PromptPayment@fiscal.treasury.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas M. Burnum, E-Commerce Division, (202) 874-6430; or Thomas Kearns, Senior Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 874-7036.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An agency that has acquired property or service from a business concern and has failed to pay for the complete delivery of property or service by the required payment date shall pay the business concern an interest penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(a). The Contract Disputes Act of 1978, Sec. 12, Public Law 95-563, 92 Stat. 2389, and the Prompt Payment Act, 31 U.S.C. 3902(a), provide for the calculation of interest due on claims at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Secretary of the Treasury has the authority to specify the rate by which the interest shall be computed for interest payments under section 12 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 and under the Prompt Payment Act. Under the Prompt Payment Act, if an interest penalty is owed to a business concern, the penalty shall be paid regardless of whether the business concern requested payment of such penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(c)(1). Agencies must pay the interest penalty calculated with the interest rate, which is in effect at the time the agency accrues the obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(a). "The interest penalty shall be paid for the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and ending on the date on which payment is made." 31 U.S.C. 3902(b).

Therefore, notice is given that the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the rate of interest applicable for the period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending on December 31, 2020, is 1½ per centum per annum.

Timothy E. Gribben,

Commissioner, Bureau of the Fiscal Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel's Notices and Correspondence Project Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel's Notices and

Correspondence Project Committee will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Rosalia at 1-888-912-1227 or (718) 834-2203.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel's Notices and Correspondence Project Committee will be held Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The public is invited to make oral comments or submit written statements for consideration. Due to limited time and structure of meeting, notification of intent to participate must be made with Robert Rosalia. For more information please contact Robert Rosalia at 1-888-912-1227 or (718) 834-2203, or write TAP Office, 2 Metrotech Center, 100 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11201 or contact us at the website: <http://www.improveirs.org>. The agenda will include various IRS issues.

Dated: July 2, 2020.

Kevin Brown,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Taxpayer Communications Project Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel's Taxpayer Communications Project Committee will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cedric Jeans at 1-888-912-1227 or 901-707-3935.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory

Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that a meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Taxpayer Communications Project Committee will be held Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The public is invited to make oral comments or submit written statements for consideration. Due to limited time and structure of meeting, notification of intent to participate must be made with Cedric Jeans. For more information please contact Cedric Jeans at 1-888-912-1227 or 901-707-3935, or write TAP Office, 5333 Getwell Road, Memphis, TN 38118 or contact us at the website: <http://www.improveirs.org>. The agenda will include various IRS issues.

Dated: July 2, 2020.

Kevin Brown,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel's Special Projects Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel's Special Projects Committee will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, August 13, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Antoinette Ross at 1-888-912-1227 or 202-317-4110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel's Special Projects Committee will be held Thursday, August 13, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The public is invited to make oral comments or submit written statements for consideration. Due to limited time and structure of meeting, notification of intent to participate must be made with Antoinette Ross. For more information please contact Antoinette Ross at 1-888-912-1227 or 202-317-4110, or write TAP Office, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 1509, Washington, DC 20224 or contact us at the website: