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JUL 31 2007

Simeon S. Ford
Manager, Government and Customer Compliance
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
1144 East Market St.
Akron, OH 44316-0001

Re: Confidentiality Determination/EQ07-002 (Hangzhou-manufactured tires)

Dear Mr. Ford:

This responds to your July 9, 2007 request seeking confidential treatment for information submitted by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (Goodyear) that responds to an agency request in the above matter. Specifically, Goodyear requests confidential treatment for information contained in Parts 1) through 4) in its response, which consist of the number of tires imported by Goodyear from Hangzhou Zhongce Rubber Company, Ltd. -- Responses 1) and 3) -- and tire construction information -- Responses 2) and 4). You seek confidential treatment for an indefinite period of time.

You characterize this information as confidential and proprietary and state that the information is confidential and proprietary data that has never been released or become available outside Goodyear. You explain that the disclosure of this information would be detrimental to Goodyear's business interests.

I have decided to grant your request.

Subject to the conditions below, this grant of confidential treatment will remain in effect indefinitely.

This grant of confidential treatment is subject to certain conditions. The information may be disclosed under 49 CFR § 512.22 based upon newly discovered or changed facts, and you must inform the agency of any changed circumstances that may affect the protection of the information (49 CFR § 512.10). If necessary, you will be notified prior to the release of any information under the procedures established by our regulations (49 CFR § 512.22(b)).

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Otto G. Matheke, III
Senior Attorney

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