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Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
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Washington, DC 20590
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Dear Ms. Lewis

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC is submitting the enclosed Defect Information Report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports.

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC will conduct a voluntary safety recall campaign for the affected tires.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Harald Morgenstern
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CONTINENTAL TIRE THE AMERICAS, LLC

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**CONTINENTAL TIRE THE AMERICAS, LLC
DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT
PURSUANT TO 49 CFR PART 573.6**

573.6(c)(1) Manufacturer's name

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC
1830 MacMillan Park Drive
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Continental Tire the Americas, LLC ("CTA") imported and distributed the affected tires in the United States and assumes responsibility for conducting the forthcoming voluntary safety recall campaign.

The affected tires were all manufactured by Continental Tire's manufacturing plant in Korbach, Germany.

573.6(c)(2)(iii) Items potentially containing the defect

Generic name of the item: Motorcycle tire

Make: Continental

Function: Motorcycle intended front tire fitment

The Continental 120/70 ZR 17 and 120/70 R 17 tires are identified as follows:

Product Line: 120/70R17 M/C 58H TL ContiAttack SM
DOT TIN: **CP8B BXM9 1011** thru **CP8B BXM9 2614**

Product Line: 120/70ZR17 M/C (58W) TL ContiSportAttack
DOT TIN: **CP8B B5MV 1008** thru **CP8B B5MV 2614**

Product Line: 120/70ZR17 M/C (58W) TL ContiSportAttack 2
DOT TIN: **CP8B B5M4 4811** thru **CP8B B5M4 2614**

Product Line: 120/70ZR17 M/C 58W TL ContiRaceAttack Comp. Soft
DOT TIN: **CP8B B5M1 1907** thru **CP8B B5M1 2614**

Product Line: 120/70ZR17 M/C 58W TL ContiRaceAttack Comp. Medium
DOT TIN: **CP8B B5M1 2307** thru **CP8B B5M1 2614**

Product Line: 120/70ZR17 M/C (58W) TL ContiRaceAttack Comp. Endurance
DOT TIN: **CP8B 918B 3011** thru **CP8B 918B 2614**

Product Line: 120/70ZR17 M/C (58W) TL ContiRoadAttack 2 GTW
DOT TIN: **CP8B 91E9 2513** thru **CP8B 91E9 2614**

These tires were sold in the replacement market. These tires were also fitted as original equipment by motorcycle manufacturers BMW, KTM, Brammo, and Bimota; however, Continental is still in the process of determining which, if any, of these tires were fitted on motorcycles offered for sale in the United States.

573.6(c)(3) Total number of tires potentially containing the defect

8070 tires were imported for sale in the USA replacement market. We are contacting the motorcycle manufacturers to determine how many tires were imported to the USA for installation as original equipment on new motorcycles. CTA will supplement this report when the information is available.

573.6 (c)(4) Percentage of tires estimated to actually contain the defect

While only a small number of incidents have been reported, it is not possible to estimate how many of the tires identified in section 2 may experience the condition identified in section 5, below. Accordingly, the notification and remedy campaign will address 100% of the tires in the field.

573.6(c)(5) Description of the defect

Market feedback indicates that a small number of these tires have exhibited a condition in the tread and/or belt which may lead to separations between tread, belt and carcass and a potential loss of inflation pressure which could lead to an accident and personal injury. There have been no reports received by Continental of any accidents resulting from this condition.

573.6(c)(6) Chronology of events leading to this determination

CTA notes at the outset that it has not received any warranty claims or property damage claims in the U.S. for this condition, and Continental is not aware of any injuries or crashes related to this condition globally.

In June 2013, Continental Central Customer Service Tires in Hannover received the first property damage claim from the Australia market, involving a ContiSportAttack Tire that was shipped to Hannover for analysis. The tire was produced in week 39, 2008. A property damage claim was received in June 2013 from the Brazil market, involving a ContiSportAttack tire manufactured in week 39, 2008.

In September 2013, the first tire was analyzed and impact damage was determined as the cause of the tire disablement.

In November 2013, the first warranty claim involving a ContiSportAttack2 was received. This tire was from 2013 production. This claim was filed in Greece.

As of January 2014, Continental Customer Service Tires had received two property damage claims and three warranty claims worldwide involving the ContiSportAttack tire line. Each of these five claims occurred between 4 and 5 years from the tire manufacturing date. Continental's analysis did not identify a systematic cause. None of these claims involved tires in the U.S.

During a general global tire quality review in March 2014, the performance of the ContiSportAttack and ContiSportAttack 2 tire lines was discussed. A decision was made to request an analysis of the history of both tire lines.

In April 2014, Continental Central Customer Service received a property damage claim from Brazil, involving a ContiSportAttack 2 tire produced in week 12, 2013.

In May 2014, Continental Central Customer Service received a property damage claim from Germany, involving a ContiSportAttack 2 tire produced in week 32, 2013.

On August 1, 2014, based on its analysis of returned tires, warranty data, application background and property damage claims, Continental AG made the decision to initiate this recall. The other tire lines were included in this recall because of the similarity in construction.

573.6(c)(8) Description of proposed remedy (including schedule for dealer and customer notification)

CTA will conduct a safety recall campaign to replace the subject tires that have been sold, either as OE or replacement tires, or are in dealer inventories. All known customers, distributors, dealers and independent outlets will receive notification of the campaign, instructions on how to identify the subject tires, information regarding removal of the subject tires from service, and instructions on the return/disposal of affected tires. CTA is still developing its schedule for dealer and consumer notification and will provide the schedule to NHTSA, under separate cover, once it is confirmed.

CTA will offer to reimburse the replacement cost for any customer who, prior to this campaign, replaced these tires due to the condition described above. CTA will provide a draft reimbursement form for NHTSA's review, under separate cover, in the near future.

573.6 (c)(9) Address how CTA will assure that the entities replacing the tires are aware of the legal requirements related to recalls of tires established by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 and regulations there under

CTA will notify distributors, as well as all independent outlets that are authorized to replace the tires that are the subject of this recall, of their responsibilities in accordance

with Section 573.6(c)(9). Distributors and outlets will be instructed to return affected tires to CTA for disposal.

573.6 (c)(10) Provide a representative copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance

CTA will submit the customer notification letters to NHTSA's Recall Management Division (NVS-215) (RMD) for approval shortly. CTA will provide NHTSA with representative copies of all other notices, bulletins or other communications that relate directly to this campaign within five business days of their distribution.