

**PART 573—DEFECT AND NON-COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITY AND REPORTS**

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**§ 573.1 Scope.**

This part:

- (a) Sets forth the responsibilities under 49 U.S.C. 30116-30121 of manufacturers of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment with respect to safety-related defects and noncompliances with Federal motor vehicle safety standards in motor vehicles and items of motor vehicle equipment; and
- (b) Specifies requirements for—
  - (1) Manufacturers to maintain lists of owners, purchasers, dealers, and distributors notified of defective and non-complying motor vehicles and motor vehicle original and replacement equipment,
  - (2) Reporting to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) defects in motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment and non-compliances with motor vehicle safety standards prescribed under part 571 of this chapter, and

- (3) Providing quarterly reports on defect and noncompliance notification campaigns.

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**§ 573.2 Purposes.**

The purposes of this part are:

- (a) To facilitate the notification of owners of defective and noncomplying motor vehicles and items of motor vehicle equipment, and the remedy of such defects and noncompliances, by equitably apportioning the responsibility for safety-related defects and noncompliances with Federal motor vehicle safety standards among manufacturers of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment; and
- (b) To inform NHTSA of defective and noncomplying motor vehicles and items of motor vehicle equipment, and to obtain information for NHTSA on the adequacy of manufacturers' defect and noncompliance notification campaigns, on corrective action, on owner response, and to compare the defect incidence rate among different groups of vehicles.

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**§ 573.3 Application.**

- (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (g), (h), and (i) of this section, this part applies to manufacturers of complete motor vehicles, incomplete motor vehicles, and motor vehicle original and replacement equipment, with respect to all vehicles and equipment that have been transported beyond the direct control of the manufacturer.
- (b) In the case of a defect or non-compliance decided to exist in a motor vehicle or equipment item imported into the United States, compliance with §§573.6 and 573.7 by either the fabricating manufacturer or the importer of the vehicle or equipment item shall be considered compliance by both.
- (c) In the case of a defect or non-compliance decided to exist in a vehicle manufactured in two or more stages, compliance with §§573.6 and 573.7 by either the manufacturer of the incomplete vehicle or any subsequent manufacturer of the vehicle shall be considered compliance by all manufacturers.