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This is the U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Wednesday, January 17. It consists of story by a Department spokesman with a safety advisory about truck wheels.

"The Department of Transportation is warning truck drivers and service personnel to dangers in the reassembly of RH5 degree wheels now used on more than 2 million trucks. The Department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has recorded 67 crippling or fatal injuries received when the rim piece blew off the wheel as the tire was being reinflated. The problem stems from the improper locking of wheel pieces which sometimes occurs during the reassembly process. The wheels are now being phased out of production in favor of newer and safer designs."

This has been the Transportation News Report for Wednesday, January 17. For further information, dial 202-426-0670.

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