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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Friday, July 6th has part three in a series of consumer reports on car tires and a story on the number of motor vehicles in the U.S. First, the tire story which consists of an actuality with a Department official.

Manufacturers would have to grade and label tires on treadwear, traction and high speed performance under this Consumer Information Regulation. The gradings would be simple and understandable. For example, high speed performance would be indicated by the letter "A", "B" and "C" with "A" being the highest grade and "C" representing the minimum performance level required by Federal safety standards. Very important to the development of an effective regulation on such an important subject is input from both the general public and industry. As Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs, I particularly urge individuals to have their say. The deadline for receiving those comments is October 5th. They should be directed to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Next, a story on the number of motor vehicles registered in the U.S. -

The U.S. Department of Transportation indicates there were more than 118-million motor-vehicles registered in the United States during 1972. That figure is some five point six million higher than for the prior year.

Included are 97-million cars with about 13-million of those in California. Other states in descending order for the number of registrations: Texas, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and Florida.

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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