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RE: TRANSPORT CANADA'S RESPONSE / OUR LAST INQUIRY FOR SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

This latest response from [redacted] Transport Canada, gives rise to concern as to the process behind their policy and recommendation procedures, and the resulting communications with the public and end users.

As you are aware, we had requested support documentation or information leading to the general recommendations by Transport Canada Road Safety, following the statement:

> " Transport Canada highly recommends the use of winter tires, designated with the mountain snowflake symbol, on all wheel positions when such tires are available in the prescribed tire size. Since these MFAV's currently have all season tires on the front and winter tires on the rear we highly recommend that the same Nokian tires be installed on the front as well as the rear. This will improve vehicle stability, steerability and braking in winter conditions."

As previously stated we have agreed with this position on front wheel drive vehicles, all wheel and four wheel drive vehicles, and we agree that at lower speeds benefits can be had for all vehicles so equipped. We were, and still are concerned with the general overall recommendation that includes rearwheel drive vehicles that travel at