

STANDARDS NEWS



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TO: RVIA Manufacturers, Suppliers and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Bruce A. Hopkins, Vice President, Standards and Education

SUBJECT: Membership Requirement regarding Part 566 of 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

On February 29, 2016, the RVIA Board of Directors established a requirement that manufacturing members of the Association must register as vehicle manufacturers with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Although this registration has long been required by 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 566, the Board's action will make this a condition of RVIA membership as well. The Board sees this step as a way to ensure that all RVIA members building to NFPA 1192 are truly committed to building vehicles; and that these vehicles are intended to provide temporary living quarters for recreational camping or seasonal use, not permanent residential living.

This requirement will be effective immediately for incoming new member applicants. For current manufacturing members, the RVIA Standards Steering Committee will establish an enforcement date and a classification rating for this new program requirement at their June 7th meeting in Washington, DC.

We have looked at the NHTSA web site and found that about 40% of our current members still need to register under Part 566. In talking with NHTSA, they indicated that because they are more interested in getting the manufactures registered as soon as possible, they do not anticipate issuing penalties for late registrations at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Hopkins at RVIA's headquarters.

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