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To: REGIONS AND ZONES

Subject: LOW TIRE PRESSURE IN FREIGHT SHIPMENTS

Some reports have been received, particularly from the West Coast, regarding wheel bearing brinelling. A change in method of shipment is being made to correct this condition.

The Traffic Department informs us that they have received approval from the tire manufacturers to reduce tire pressures to 20 lbs. on freight shipments of over 500 miles. The tire pressure is not reduced until the car is placed in the freight car. This method was started on February 1, 1949.

It is important that cars are not driven after unloading until the proper amount of air is added. Zones affected will assume this responsibility and will notify any of their dealers affected by this new procedure.

Very truly yours,

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