

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

In re: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC., ) Master File No. IP 00-9373-C-B/S  
TIRES PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION ) MDL NO. 1373  
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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL )  
ACTIONS )

ENTRY FOR DECEMBER 10, 2002

The parties appeared, by counsel, this date for a telephonic discovery conference, during which the following was discussed:

1. The parties propose, and the magistrate judge approves, the following briefing schedule for the motion to dismiss on forum non conveniens grounds in the Mexican cases: defendants shall file their memorandum in support of their motion by **January 10, 2003**; plaintiffs' shall respond by **February 28, 2003**; and the defendants shall reply by **March 28, 2003**.
2. The parties propose, and the magistrate judge approves, the following briefing schedule for the pending motions in limine in the *Octavio* and *Casadiego* cases: the plaintiffs shall respond by **January 17, 2003**, and the defendants shall reply by **January 30, 2003**.
3. The parties propose, and the magistrate judge approves, the following briefing schedule for summary judgment motions in the expedited foreign accident cases: motions shall be filed by **December 11, 2002**; responses shall be filed by **January 30, 2003**; replies shall be filed by **February 21, 2003**.
4. Mr. Diaz reports that due to a gasoline shortage and other events in Venezuela, he will need additional time to secure his Venezuelan clients' signatures on their Spanish discovery responses. The defendants do not object.
5. The parties report that the deposition of Mr. Gardner has been rescheduled for January 7,

2003, and that a ruling on the plaintiffs' motion to strike Mr. Gardner's supplemental expert report prior to that date would be helpful. To that end, the defendants will file their response to the motion and deliver a copy of it to the magistrate judge no later than **December 18, 2002**, and the plaintiff will file a reply and deliver a copy of it to the magistrate judge no later than **December 19, 2002**.

6. The next telephonic discovery conference will be held on **Thursday, December 19, 2002, at 4:30 p.m.** Mark Merkle will arrange the call and notify counsel and the magistrate judge of the arrangements. Agendas for the conference shall be exchanged and submitted to the magistrate judge by **4:00 p.m. on December 18, 2002**. Any party who has no agenda items for the conference shall submit a notice to that effect by that date as well, so that the conference can be cancelled if it is not needed.

ENTERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December 2002.

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V. Sue Shields  
United States Magistrate Judge  
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