

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Public Scoping Meeting for Road Reconstruction; Moran Junction to Dubois, WY

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed road reconstruction in the Moran Junction to Dubois vicinity of northwestern Wyoming will be prepared. The EIS will be prepared in cooperation with the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Galen Hesterberg, Statewide Operations Engineer, FHWA, 1916 Evans, Cheyenne, WY 82001, (307) 772-2012, extension 45, FAX (307) 772-2011, or Tim Stark, Environmental Services, WYDOT, P.O. Box 1708, Cheyenne, WY 82003-1708, (307) 777-4379.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed highway reconstruction project will consist of reconstruction of the existing U.S. Highway 26/287 beginning at Kp 4.8 (MP 3.0) and ends at Kp 65.7 (MP 40.7 and the east Forest Boundary) in Fremont and Teton Counties. The purpose of this proposal is to provide a modern two lane road with emergency parking shoulders. Line and grade will be adjusted to improve sight distance and safety of the roadway while minimizing impacts to the natural environment. All bridges will be replaced. Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action; (2) using alternate travel modes; and (3) various alignment and design alternatives. The development of these specific alternatives is an ongoing process that will incorporate features brought forth during public scoping in addition to those identified by project engineers as preliminary road design activities progress. Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies and to private organizations and citizens who express an interest in this proposal. A series of public meetings will be held. In addition, the public will be given the opportunity to hold a Public Hearing. Public notice will be given of the time and place of any meetings or hearings. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to a public hearing. No formal scoping meetings or hearings have been

scheduled at this time. To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments, and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the above address.

Issued on: October 3, 1996.

J. Michael Bowen,

Assistant Division Administrator.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. 96-107; Notice 1]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300TE Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300TE passenger cars are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that a 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300TE that was not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards is eligible for importation into the United States because: (1) It is substantially similar to a vehicle that was originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and that was certified by its manufacturer as complying with the safety standards, and (2) it is capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

DATES: The closing date for comments on the petition is November 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number and notice number, and be submitted to: Docket Section, Room 5109, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.]

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Entwistle, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5306).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally

manufactured to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. § 30115, and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR Part 592. As specified in 49 CFR 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the Federal Register of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period, NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible for importation. The agency then publishes this decision in the Federal Register.

Pierre Enterprises, Southeast, Inc. of Ft. Pierce, Florida ("Pierre") (Registered Importer 93-016) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300TE passenger cars are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicle which Pierre believes is substantially similar is the 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300TE that was manufactured for importation into, and sale in, the United States and certified by its manufacturer, Daimler Benz A.G., as conforming to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The petitioner claims that it carefully compared the non-U.S. certified 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300TE to its U.S. certified counterpart, and found the two vehicles to be substantially similar with respect to compliance with most Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Pierre submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that the non-U.S. certified 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300TE, as originally manufactured, conforms to many Federal motor vehicle safety standards in the same manner as its U.S. certified counterpart, or is capable of being readily altered to conform to those standards.

Specifically, the petitioner claims that the non-U.S. certified 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300TE is identical to its U.S. certified counterpart with respect to compliance with Standards Nos. 102 *Transmission Shift Lever Sequence* * * *, 103 *Defrosting and Defogging Systems*, 104 *Windshield Wiping and Washing Systems*, 105 *Hydraulic Brake*

Systems, 106 Brake Hoses, 109 New Pneumatic Tires, 111, Rearview Mirrors, 113 Hood Latch Systems, 116 Brake Fluid, 124 Accelerator Control Systems, 201 Occupant Protection in Interior Impact, 202 Head Restraints, 203 Impact Protection for the Driver From the Steering Control System, 204 Steering Control Rearward Displacement, 205 Glazing Materials, 206 Door Locks and Door Retention Components, 207 Seating Systems, 209 Seat Belt Assemblies, 210 Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages, 212 Windshield Retention, 216 Roof Crush Resistance, 219 Windshield Zone Intrusion, and 302 Flammability of Interior Materials.

Additionally, the petitioner states that the non-U.S. certified 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300TE complies with the Bumper Standard found in 49 CFR Part 581.

Petitioner also contends that the vehicle is capable of being readily altered to meet the following standards, in the manner indicated:

Standard No. 101 *Controls and Displays*: (a) substitution of a lens marked "Brake" for a lens with an ECE symbol on the brake failure indicator lamp; (b) replacement of the speedometer/odometer with a U.S.-model component.

Standard No. 108 *Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment*: (a) installation of U.S.-model headlight assemblies; (b) installation of U.S.-model taillamp assemblies; (c) installation of a high mounted stop lamp.

Standard No. 110 *Tire Selection and Rims*: installation of a tire information placard.

Standard No. 114 *Theft Protection*: installation of a warning buzzer relay and a warning buzzer in the steering lock electrical circuit.

Standard No. 118 *Power Window Systems*: rewiring of the power window system so that the window transport is inoperative when the ignition is switched off.

Standard No. 208 *Occupant Crash Protection*: installation of a seat belt warning buzzer. The petitioner states that the vehicle is equipped with a U.S.-model driver's side air bag and knee bolster.

Standard No. 214 *Side Impact Protection*: installation of reinforcing tubes.

Standard No. 301 *Fuel System Integrity*: installation of a rollover valve.

Additionally, the petitioner states that a VIN plate must be installed inside the non-U.S. certified 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300TE so that it can be read from the left windshield pillar, and a VIN reference label must be affixed to the edge of the door or latch post nearest the driver, to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR Part 565.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments on the petition described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: Docket Section, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5109, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. It is requested but not required that 10 copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be considered, and will be available for examination in the docket at the above address both before and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the Federal Register pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

Issued on: October 9, 1996.

Marilynne Jacobs,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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ACTION: List of applications for modification of exemptions or applications to become a party to an exemption.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR Part 107, Subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. This notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier Federal Register publications, they are not repeated here. Requests for modifications of exemptions (e.g., to provide for additional hazardous materials, packaging design changes, additional mode of transportation, etc.) are described in footnotes to the application number. Application numbers with the suffix "M" denote a modification request. Application numbers with the suffix "P" denote a party to request. These applications have been separated from the new applications for exemptions to facilitate processing.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 1, 1996.

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: Dockets Unit, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the exemption number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Dockets Unit, Room 8426, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC.

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemptions or Applications to Become a Party to an Exemption

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

Application No.	Applicant	Renewal of exemption
970-M	Callery Chemical Corp., Pittsburgh, PA (See Footnote 1)	970
6610-M	ARCO Chemical Co., Newtown Square, PA (See Footnote 2)	6610
8723-M	Dyno Nobel Inc., Salt Lake City, UT (See Footnote 3)	8723
8723-M	Austin Powder Co., Cleveland, OH (See Footnote 4)	8723
8723-M	Taylor Minster Leasing, Inc., Houston, TX (See Footnote 5)	8723
9266-M	ERMEWA, Inc., Houston, TX (See Footnote 6)	9266
9830-M	Worthington Cylinder Corp., Columbus, OH (See Footnote 7)	9830
10147-M	EFI Corp., Fremont, CA (See Footnote 8)	10147