

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

**RTCA Special Committee 165;
Minimum Operational Performance
Standards for Aeronautical Mobile
Satellite Services**

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Special Committee (SC)-165 meeting to be held September 1, 1999, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036. (This plenary meeting will follow a meeting of SC-165 Working Group (WG)-3, Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards, on August 30-31.)

The agenda will include: (1) Welcome and Introductions; (2) Review Summary of the Previous Meeting; (3) Chairman's Remarks; (4) Review comments from the ballot of draft document DO-210D, Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Geosynchronous Orbit Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Services (AMSS) Avionics. Incorporate accepted ballot comments into the final draft document to forward to the Program Management Committee. (5) Overview of Related Activities: a. AEEC 741 and 761 Characteristics; b. EUROCAE Working Group 55; c. AMS(R)S Spectrum Issues; d. AMCP WG-A on AMSS; e. Industry, Users, Government; (6) Review of SC-165 Working Group Activities: a. WG-1, AMSS Avionics Equipment Minimum Operational Performance Standards; b. WG-3, AMSS System/Service Performance Criteria; (7) Other Business; (8) Date and Place of Next Meeting; (9) Closing.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**Research and Development Programs
Meeting**

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will describe and discuss specific research and development projects. Further, the notice requests suggestions for topics to be presented by the agency.

Dates and Times

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will hold a public meeting devoted primarily to presentations of specific research and development projects on September 16, 1999, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 5:00 p.m. The deadline for interested parties to suggest agenda topics is 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 1999. Questions may be submitted in advance regarding the agency's research and development projects. They must be submitted in writing by September 3, 1999, to the address given below. If sufficient time is available, questions received after the September 3 date will be answered at the meeting during the discussion period. The individual, group, or company asking a question does not have to be present for the question to be answered. A consolidated list of answers to questions submitted by September 3 will be available at the meeting and will be mailed to requesters after the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Tysons Westpark Hotel, 8401 Westpark Drive, McLean, Virginia. Suggestions for specific research and development topics as described below and questions for the September 16, 1999, meeting relating to the agency's research and development programs should be submitted to the Office of the Associate Administrator for Research and Development, NRD-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 6206, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590. The fax number is (202) 366-5930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In recent years, since April 1993, NHTSA has provided detailed information about its research and development programs in presentations at a series of public meetings. The purpose is to make available more complete and timely information regarding the agency's research and development programs.

This is the twenty-fourth meeting in that series, and it will be held on September 16, 1999, at the Tysons Westpark Hotel, 8401 Westpark Drive, McLean, Virginia.

Based on the suggestions received in previous meetings, NHTSA intends to limit its presentation at the September 16, 1999, meeting to a single research topic. NHTSA requests suggestions from interested parties on the specific agenda topic to be presented at this meeting. NHTSA will base its decisions about the agenda, in part, on the suggestions it receives by 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 1999. Before the meeting, NHTSA will publish a notice with an agenda listing the research and development topic to be discussed. The agenda can also be obtained by calling or faxing the request to the telephone numbers listed in this notice, through the E-mail address listed in this notice, or from NHTSA's Web site under Announcements/Public Meetings at URL <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/announce/meetings/>.

NHTSA asks that the suggestions be limited to three, in priority order, so that the presentation at the September 16, 1999, meeting can be most useful to the audience. Specific research and development topics are listed below. Many of these topics have been discussed at previous meetings. Suggestions for agenda topics are not restricted to this listing, and interested parties are invited to suggest other research and development topics of specific interest to their organizations. Additionally, if any interested parties would like to make a presentation regarding technical issues concerning any of NHTSA's research programs, information concerning the proposed topic and speaker should be submitted in writing by 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 1999.

Specific R&D topics are: Fiscal Year 1999 R&D Research Efforts, International Harmonized Research Activities (IHRA), On-line tracking system for NHTSA's research projects, and Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN).

Specific Crashworthiness R&D topics are:

- Status of advanced air bag research and up-to-date results,
- Demonstration of CD ROM for child restraint/vehicle compatibility,
- Preparation of new dummies for assessment of advanced air bag technology,
- Improved frontal crash protection (program status, problem identification, offset testing),
- Upgrade side crash protection,
- Child restraint/air bag interaction (CRABI) dummy testing,

Head and neck injury research,

Lower extremity injury research, and
Thorax injury research.

Specific Crash Avoidance R&D topics
are:

National Advanced Driving Simulator
(NADS),

Intelligent vehicle initiative (the rear-
end collision avoidance system
operational test),

Drowsy driver monitoring,

Driver workload assessment, and Lane
change/merge collision avoidance
system guidelines.

Specific National Center for Statistics
and Analysis (NCSA) topics are:

NCSA Overview,

Fatality Analysis Reporting System
(FARS), and

Special crash investigation studies of air
bag cases.

Separately, questions regarding
research projects that have been
submitted in writing not later than 5:00
p.m. on September 3, 1999, will be
answered. The summary minutes of the
meeting, copies of materials handed out
at the meeting, and answers to the
questions submitted for response at the
meeting will be available for public
inspection in the DOT Docket in
Washington, DC, within 3 weeks after
the meeting. Copies of this material will
then be available at ten cents a page
upon request to DOT Docket, Room PL-
401, 400 Seventh Street, SW,
Washington, DC 20590. The DOT
Docket is open to the public from 10:00
a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The summary minutes,
handouts, and answers to the questions
will also be available on NHTSA's Web
site at Announcements/Public Meetings
at URL <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/announce/meetings/>.

NHTSA will provide technical aids to
participants as necessary, during the
Research and Development Programs
Meeting. Thus, any person desiring the
assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-
language interpreter, telecommunication
devices for deaf persons (TTDs), readers,
taped texts, braille materials, or large
print materials and/or a magnifying
device), please contact Rita Gibbons by
telephone on (202) 366-4862, by telefax
on (202) 366-5930, or by E-mail at
rgibbons@nhtsa.dot.gov by 5:00 p.m.
September 7, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita
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Development.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-99-6062]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 1996 Toyota RAV4 Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicles Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for
decision that nonconforming 1996
Toyota RAV4 multi-purpose passenger
vehicles (MPVs) are eligible for
importation.

SUMMARY: This document announces
receipt by the National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a
petition for a decision that 1996 Toyota
RAV4 MPVs that were not originally
manufactured to comply with all
applicable Federal motor vehicle safety
standards are eligible for importation
into the United States because (1) they
are substantially similar to vehicles that
were originally manufactured for
importation into and sale in the United
States and that were certified by their
manufacturer as complying with the
safety standards, and (2) they are
capable of being readily altered to
conform to the standards.

DATES: The closing date for comments
on the petition is September 10, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to
the docket number and notice number,
and be submitted to: Docket
Management, Room PL-401, 400
Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC
20590. [Docket hours are from 9 am to
5 pm].

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**.

Wallace Environmental Testing
Laboratories, Inc. of Houston, Texas
("Wallace") (Registered Importer 90-
005) has petitioned NHTSA to decide
whether a 1996 Toyota RAV4 MPV that
was manufactured for European and
other foreign markets is eligible for
importation into the United States. The
vehicle which Wallace believes is
substantially similar is the 1996 Toyota
RAV4 MPV that was manufactured for
importation into and sale in the United
States and certified by its manufacturer,
Toyota Motor Corporation, as
conforming to all applicable Federal
motor vehicle safety standards.

The petitioner claims that it carefully
compared the non-U.S. certified 1996
Toyota RAV4 MPV 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.

Wallace submitted information with
its petition intended to demonstrate that
the non-U.S. certified 1996 Toyota
RAV4 MPV, 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 1996 Toyota
RAV4 MPV 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*, 113 *Hood
Latch Systems*, 114 *Theft Protection*,
116 *Brake Fluid*, 119 *New Pneumatic
Tires for Vehicles other than Passenger*