

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Procedures for PBGC Approval of Multiemployer Plan Amendments

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of request for extension of OMB approval.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC") is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of a collection of information in its regulation on Procedures for PBGC Approval of Plan Amendments (29 CFR part 4220). This notice informs the public of the PBGC's request and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by August 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Washington, DC 20503. The request for extension will be available for public inspection at the Communications and Public Affairs Department of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, suite 240, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20005-4026, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah C. Murphy, Attorney, office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, 202-326-4024. (For TTY and TDD, call 800-877-8339 and request connection to 202-326-4024).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PBGC administers the pension plan termination insurance programs under Title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). Section 4220 of ERISA requires the plan sponsor of a multiemployer pension plan covered by Title IV of ERISA to submit for PBGC

review certain plan amendments authorized by ERISA sections 4201 through 4219. Plan amendments under those sections deal with modification of the statutory provisions regarding when a withdrawal from a multiemployer plan occurs and how the withdrawing employer's withdrawal liability is determined. Any such amendment is effective only if, within 90 days after receiving notice and a copy of the amendment, the PBGC approves it or fails to disapprove it. The PBGC may disapprove an amendment only if it determines that the amendment creates an unreasonable risk of loss to plan participants and beneficiaries or to the PBGC.

The PBGC's regulation on Procedures for PBGC Approval of Plan Amendments (29 CFR part 4220) includes, in § 4220.3, rules for requesting the PBGC's approval of an amendment. (The regulation may be accessed on the PBGC's home page at <http://www.pbgc.gov>.) Section 4220.3(d) requires the submission of information that the PBGC needs to identify a plan and evaluate the risk of loss, if any, posed by the amendment (and, hence, determine whether it should disapprove the amendment). The regulation also permits submission of other information that the plan sponsor may consider pertinent to the request.

The collection of information under the regulation has been approved by OMB under control number 1212-0031. The PBGC is requesting that OMB extend its approval for three years. The PBGC estimates that it receives three submissions annually under the regulation and that each submission costs the submitting plan about \$165 to have prepared by an outside consultant, for a total annual cost burden of \$495.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of July, 1997.

David M. Strauss,

Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: (62 FR 39040, July 21, 1997).

STATUS: Closed Meeting.

PLACE: 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

DATE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED: July 21, 1997.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Cancellation of Meeting.

The closed meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 1997, at 3:00 p.m., has been cancelled.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary (202) 942-7070.

Dated: July 24, 1997.

Johnathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-38856; File Nos. SR-Amex-97-24; SR-CBOE-97-31; SR-PCX-97-30; and SR-Phlx-97-33]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Changes by the American Stock Exchange, Inc., Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc., Pacific Exchange, Inc., and Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc.; Relating to an Extension of the 2½ Point Strike Price Pilot Program

July 21, 1997.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on July 8, 1997, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Amex"); on July 10, 1997, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. ("CBOE"); on July 10, 1997, the Pacific Exchange, Inc. ("PCX"); and on July 10, 1997, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx") (collectively the "Exchanges") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule changes as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchanges. The CBOE submitted to the Commission Amendment No. 1 to its proposal on July 17, 1997³ and Amendment No. 2 to its proposal on

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ In Amendment No. 1, the CBOE submitted to the Commission the required report detailing open interest and volume for the past year. See Letter from Timothy H. Thompson, Senior Attorney, CBOE, to Deborah Flynn, Attorney, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), SEC, dated July 15, 1996 ("CBOE Amendment No. 1").

July 17, 1997.⁴ The Amex submitted to the Commission Amendment No. 1 to its proposed rule change on July 21, 1997⁵ and Amendment No. 2 to its proposal on July 21, 1997.⁶ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule changes from interested persons, and to grant accelerated approval of the proposed rule changes, as amended.

I. Self-Regulatory Organizations' Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Changes

The Exchanges propose to extend for one-year (*i.e.*, July 17 1998) the Exchanges' pilot program whereby the Exchanges may select a limited number of their listed options for inclusion in a pilot program for the listing of strike prices at 2½ point intervals. The text of the proposed rule changes is available at the Office of the Secretary, the Exchanges, and at the Commission.

II. Self-Regulatory Organizations' Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Changes

In their filings are the Commission, the Exchanges included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule changes. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchanges have prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

⁴ In amendment No. 2, the CBOE: 1) set forth the allocation of the 100 option classes to be included in the pilot program; 2) detailed the treatment of the eleven classes selected for the pilot program by the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") prior to the sale of its options business to the CBOE; and 3) enclosed a memorandum from the Options Price Reporting Authority ("OPRA") stating that based on the Exchange's representations, additional traffic generated by extending the 2½ point strike pilot is within OPRA's capacity. See Letter from Timothy H. Thompson, Senior Attorney, CBOE, to Deborah Flynn, Attorney, Division, SEC, dated July 16, 1997 ("CBOE Amendment No. 2").

⁵ In Amendment No. 1, the Amex clarified that the pilot program will be extended until July 17, 1998 and discussed the allocation of the 100 options classes and the treatment of the eleven classes selected by the NYSE. See Letter from Claire P. McGrath, Vice President and Special Counsel, Derivative Securities, Amex, to Ivette Lopez, Assistant Director, Division, SEC, dated July 16, 1997 ("Amex Amendment No. 1").

⁶ See Letter Claire P. McGrath, Vice President and Special Counsel, Derivative Securities, to Ivette Lopez, Assistant Director, Division, SEC, dated July 17, 1997 ("Amex amendment No. 2"). In Amendment No. 2, the Amex stated that the Exchange has sufficient capacity to handle the extension of the 2½ strike price pilot program for another year.

A. Self-Regulatory Organizations' Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Changes

The Commission has previously approved a pilot program proposed by the Exchanges to list selected options trading at a strike price greater than \$25 but less than \$50 at 2½ point intervals (*i.e.*, 27½, 32½, 37½, 42½ and 47½).⁷ Subsequently, the Commission extended the pilot program for the twelve month period ending July 18, 1997.⁸ Pursuant to the pilot program, the Exchanges are permitted to use such 2½ point strike price intervals for a joint total of up to 100 option issues. Ten options plus a percentage of the remaining 50 options equal to each exchange's pro rata share of the total number of equity options listed by the Exchanges were allocated to each exchange.⁹

Subsequent to the issuance of the 2½ Point Strike Price Extension Order, the NYSE sold its options programs to the CBOE. As a result, the four remaining options Exchanges have agreed upon a new allocation¹⁰ of the 100 classes for purposes of the extension of the pilot program.¹¹ Under the new proposal, each exchange would be allocated a whole number of classes based on the sum of the following: (1) one quarter of the first 50 issues; and (2) a percentage of the remaining 50 classes determined by each exchange's pro rata share of the total number of equity option listings as of July 1, 1997.¹² The Exchanges also have proposed that the eleven options selected by the NYSE will continue to be eligible for the pilot program, but will not count against any exchange's

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 35993 (July 19, 1995), 60 FR 38073 (July 25, 1995) (File Nos. SR-Phlx-95-08, SR-Amex-95-12, SR-PSE-95-07, SR-CBOE-95-19, SR-NYSE-95-12) ("2½ Point Strike Price Approval Order").

⁸ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 37441 (July 15, 1996), 61 FR 38234 (July 23, 1996) (File Nos. SR-Amex-96-24; SR-CBOE-96-41; SR-NYSE-96-19; SR-PSE-96-18; and SR-Phlx-96-22) ("2½ Point Strike Price Approval Order").

⁹ The actual allotment of option issues for each exchange as of July 1996 was: CBOE (28), Amex (22), Phlx (18), PSE (18), and NYSE (14).

¹⁰ The Commission believes that if the Exchanges wish to modify the allocation agreement prior to the expiration of this point program, they should contact the Division to determine whether a Rule 19b-4 filing is required.

¹¹ See CBOE Amendment No. 2, *supra* note 4; Amex Amendment No. 1, *supra* note 5; and Letters from Michael D. Pierson, Senior Attorney, Regulatory Policy, PCX, to Deborah Flynn, Attorney, Division, SEC, dated July 16, 1997 and Philip H. Becker, Senior Vice President, Senior Vice President and Chief Regulatory Officer, Phlx to Michael Walinskas, Senior Special Counsel, Division, SEC, dated July 17, 1997.

¹² The actual allotment of options issues for each exchange is: CBOE (31), Amex (25), Phlx (23), and PCX (21).

allotment.¹³ However, these eleven classes may not be replaced by another selection in the event a class becomes ineligible or is decertified.

As has been the case since the inception of the 2½ point strike price pilot program, when more than one exchange selects a multiply-traded option for its allotment, the Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") will determine which exchange will be deemed to have selected the option according to the procedures agreed upon by the Exchanges. The Exchanges have agreed that an exchange ("Selecting Exchange") intending to list 2½ point strikes on an option will inform OCC of its selection by submitting a notice ("Selection Notice") to OCC between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 Noon (Central Time). In the event that more than one exchange submits a Selection Notice to the OCC for the same multiply-traded option, the exchange which first submits a Selection Notice to the OCC will be deemed to be the Selecting Exchange for that option. Such option will count toward the allotment of the Selecting Exchange, but not toward the allotment of any other exchange submitting a Selection Notice under the terms of the pilot program.

In addition, each of the Exchanges has submitted a report to the Commission that includes data and written analysis regarding the operation of the pilot program during the previous year, as required in the 2½ Strike Price Extension Order.¹⁴ The Exchanges generally believe that the pilot program has provided customers greater opportunities and flexibility to tailor their options positions, while enhancing the depth and liquidity of the markets in the selected options classes. The Exchanges¹⁵ and the Options Price Reporting Authority ("OPRA")¹⁶ represent that sufficient computer processing capacity is available to

¹³ See CBOE Amendment No. 2, *supra* note 4; Amex Amendment No. 1, *supra* note 5; See also File Nos. SR-PCX-97-30 and SR-Phlx-97-33.

¹⁴ In the 2½ Point Strike Price Extension Order, the Commission required that each Exchange submit a report before the Commission would review a proposal to extend, expand or make permanent the pilot program.

¹⁵ See Letters from Thomas A. Wittman, Vice President, Trading Systems, Phlx, to Michael Walinskas, Senior Special Counsel, Division, SEC, dated July 16, 1997 and Claire McGrath, Vice President and Special Counsel, Derivative Securities, Amex, to Ivette Lopez, Assistant Director, Division, SEC, dated July 17, 1997. See also File Nos. SR-CBOE-97-31 and SR-PCX-97-30.

¹⁶ See Letter from Joseph P. Corrigan, Executive Director, OPRA, to Michael Walinskas, Senior Special Counsel, Division, SEC, dated July 18, 1997 ("OPA Capacity Statement").

accommodate the extension of the 2½ point strike price pilot program for another year.

Each exchange has stated that it believes its respective proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act¹⁷ in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)¹⁸ in particular in that the joint proposal is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers.

B. Self-Regulatory Organizations' Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchanges believe that the proposed rule changes will impose no burden on competition.

C. Self-Regulatory Organizations' Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Changes Received From Members, Participants or Others

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule changes.

III. Commission's Findings and Order Granting Accelerated Approval

The Exchanges have requested accelerated approval for their respective proposals. The Commission finds that the proposed rule changes, as amended, are consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange,¹⁹ and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act.²⁰ Specifically, the Commission believes that the proposed extension of the pilot program providing for the listing of 2½ point strike price intervals in selected equity options will continue to provide investors with more flexibility in the trading of equity options with a strike price greater than \$25 but less than \$50, thereby furthering the public interest by allowing investors to establish equity options positions that are better tailored to meet their investment objectives. The Commission also believes that the Exchanges' proposal strikes a reasonable balance between the Exchanges' desire to accommodate market participants by offering a wide array of investment opportunities and the need to avoid excessive proliferation of options series. The Commission expects the Exchanges

to continue to monitor the applicable equity options activity closely to detect any proliferation of illiquid options series resulting from the narrower strike price intervals and to act promptly to remedy this situation should it occur.

The Commission notes that the proposal allows the eleven options classes previously selected by the NYSE to continue to be eligible for the 2½ point strike pilot program, but such classes may not be replaced in the event a class becomes either ineligible or is decertified. The Commission further notes that the proposal provides that these eleven classes will not count against the allotment of any of the Exchanges. The Commission notes that he proposed treatment of these eleven options will allow investors to continue to trade in 2½ point strikes in these options. Moreover, the Commission believes that the proposed treatment of the eleven options classes represents only a marginal increase in the total number of options classes eligible for the pilot program. Consequently, the Commission believes that the proposed treatment of the eleven options classes previously selected by the NYSE is reasonable.

In addition, OPRA represents that adequate computer processing capacity to accommodate the additional strike prices is currently available.²¹ The Exchange also represent that their current systems capacities are sufficient to meet the expected demands of the additional strike prices.²² Nonetheless, the Commission expects the Exchanges to continue to monitor the trading volume associated with the additional options series listed as a result of the extension of the pilot program and the effect of these additional series on the capacity of the Exchanges', OPRA's and vendors' automated systems.

In the event the Exchanges propose to (1) extend the pilot program beyond July 17, 1998, (2) expand the pilot program beyond the 100 option classes,²³ or (3) seek permanent approval of the pilot program, they should submit a report to the Commission along with the filing of such a proposal.²⁴ The report should cover the period from May 19, 1997 to May 22, 1998 and should include data

and written analysis on the open interest and trading volume in affected series, and delisted options series (for all strike price intervals) on the selected pilot program option classes. The report should also discuss any capacity problems that may have arisen during the pilot program and any other data relevant to the analysis of the pilot program, including an assessment of the appropriateness of the 2½ point strike price intervals for the options selected by the reporting exchange.

The Commission finds good cause for approving the proposed rule changes, including CBOE Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 and Amex Amendment Nos. 1 and 2, prior to the thirtieth day after the date of publication of notice of filing thereof in the **Federal Register**. As mentioned above, the Exchanges submitted separate reports to the Commission that include data and written analysis regarding the operation of the pilot program as required in the 2½ Strike Price Extension Order. The Commission notes that the Exchanges have not reported any significant problems with the pilot program since its inception and that the Exchanges will continue to monitor the pilot program to ensure that no problems arise. Moreover, the Commission believes that the extension of the pilot program on an accelerated basis will provide the investing public with the added flexibility provided by 2½ point strike prices on an uninterrupted basis. Finally, no adverse comments have been received by the Exchanges or the Commission concerning the pilot program. Based on the above, the Commission believes good cause exists to approve the extension of the pilot program through July 17, 1998, on an accelerated basis. Accordingly, the Commission believes that granting accelerated approval of the proposals is appropriate and consistent with Sections 6(b)(5) and 19(b)(2) of the Act.²⁵

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communication relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission

²¹ See OPRA Capacity Statement, *supra* note 16.

²² See *supra* note 15.

²³ The Commission notes that he proposed treatment of the eleven options classes previously selected for the 2½ point strike pilot program by the NYSE temporarily establishes a maximum of 111 eligible options.

²⁴ The Commission expects that each Exchange will submit a proposed rule change at least two months before the expiration of the pilot program in the event the Exchanges wish to seek to extend, expand or seek permanent approval of the pilot program as noted above.

²⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5) and 78s(b)(2).

¹⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁹ In approving this rule, the Commission notes that it has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

²⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filings will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchanges. All submissions should refer to File Nos. SR-Amex-97-24; SR-CBOE-97-31; SR-PCX-97-30; and SR-Phlx-97-33 and should be submitted by August 18, 1997.

V. Conclusion

It is Therefore Ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,²⁶ that the pilot program proposed by the Exchanges (File Nos. SR-Amex-97-24; SR-CBOE-97-31; SR-PCX-97-30; and SR-Phlx-97-33), as amended, is approved through July 17, 1998, on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁷

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Safety Performance Standards and Research and Development Programs Meetings

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

ACTION: Notice of NHTSA industry meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will answer questions from the public and the automobile industry regarding the agency's vehicle regulatory program. In addition, NHTSA will hold a separate public meeting to describe and discuss specific research and development projects.

DATES: The Agency's regular, quarterly public meeting relating to its vehicle regulatory program will be held on September 18, 1997, beginning at 9:45 a.m. and ending at approximately 12:30 p.m. Questions relating to the vehicle regulatory program must be submitted in writing by August 25, 1997, to the address shown below. If sufficient time

is available, questions received after August 25 may be answered at the meeting. The individual, group or company submitting a question(s) does not have to be present for the question(s) to be answered. A consolidated list of the questions submitted by August 25, 1997, and the issues to be discussed, will be transmitted to interested persons by September 15, 1997, and will be available at the meeting. Also, the agency will hold a second public meeting September 17, devoted exclusively to a presentation of research and development programs. The meeting is described more fully in a separate announcement. The next NHTSA vehicle regulatory program meeting will take place on December 17, 1997 at the Clarion Inn Hotel, 9191 Wickham Road, in Romulus, MI.

ADDRESSES: Questions for the September 18, NHTSA Technical Industry Meeting, relating to the agency's vehicle regulatory program, should be submitted to Delia Gage, NPS-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, Fax Number 202-366-4329. The meeting will be held at the Tysons Westpark Hotel, 8401 Westpark Drive, in McLean, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delia Gage, (202) 366-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NHTSA holds this regular, quarterly meeting to answer questions from the public and the regulated industries regarding the agency's vehicle regulatory program. Questions on aspects of the agency's research and development activities that relate directly to ongoing regulatory actions should be submitted, as in the past, to the agency's Safety Performance Standards Office. The purpose of this meeting is to focus on those phases of NHTSA activities which are technical, interpretative or procedural in nature. Transcripts of these meetings will be available for public inspection in the NHTSA Technical Reference Section in Washington, DC, within four weeks after the meeting. Copies of the transcript will then be available at ten cents a page, (length has varied from 100 to 150 pages) upon request to NHTSA Technical Reference Section, Room 5108, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The Technical Reference Section is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We would appreciate the questions you send us to be organized by categories to help us to process the questions into agenda form more efficiently. Sample format as follows:

- I. Rulemaking
 - A. Crash avoidance
 - B. Crashworthiness
 - C. Other Rulemakings
- II. Consumer Information
- III. Miscellaneous

NHTSA will provide auxiliary aids to participants as necessary. Any person desiring assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-language interpreter, telecommunications devices for deaf persons (TDDs), readers, taped texts, brailled materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Delia Gage on (202) 366-1810, by COB August 25, 1997.

Issued: July 22, 1997.

L. Robert Shelton,

Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket Nos. 97-022; Notice 2, 97-023; Notice 2, 97-032; Notice 2, 97-034; Notice 2]

Decision that Certain Nonconforming Motor Vehicles are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of decision by NHTSA that certain nonconforming motor vehicles are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces decisions by NHTSA that certain motor vehicles not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because they are substantially similar to vehicles originally manufactured for importation into and/or sale in the United States and certified by their manufacturers as complying with the safety standards, and they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

DATES: These decisions are effective as of the date of their publication in the **Federal Register**.

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

²⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

²⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).