

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**.

Champagne Imports of Lansdale, Pennsylvania ("Champagne") (Registered Importer 90-009) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether 1998 Mercedes-Benz CL500 passenger cars are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicle which Champagne believes is substantially similar is the 1998 Mercedes-Benz CL500 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 1998 Mercedes-Benz CL500 passenger cars 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.

Champagne submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that the non-U.S. certified 1998 Mercedes-Benz CL500, 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 1998 Mercedes-Benz CL500 is identical to its U.S. certified counterpart with respect to compliance with Standard 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*, 113 *Hood Latch Systems*, 116 *Brake Fluid*, 124 *Accelerator Control Systems*, 201 *Occupant Protection in Interior Impact*, 202 *Head Restraints*, 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 1998 Mercedes-Benz CL500 complies with the Bumper Standard found in 49 CFR part 581 and with the Theft Prevention Standard found in 49 CFR part 541.

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 a noncomplying symbol on the brake failure indicator lamp; (b) installation of a seat belt warning lamp that displays the appropriate symbol; (c) recalibration of the speedometer/odometer from kilometers to miles per hour.

Standard No. 108 *Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment*: (a) Installation of U.S.-model headlamp assemblies that incorporate headlamps with DOT markings; (b) installation of U.S.-model front and rear sidemarker/reflector assemblies; (c) installation of U.S.-model taillamp assemblies.

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

Standard No. 111 *Rearview Mirror*: Replacement of the passenger side rearview mirror with a U.S.-model component.

Standard No. 114 *Theft Protection*: Installation of a warning buzzer microswitch in the steering lock assembly and a warning buzzer.

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*: (a) Installation of a U.S.-model seat belt in the driver's position, or a belt webbing-actuated microswitch inside the driver's seat belt retractor; (b) installation of an ignition switch-actuated seat belt warning lamp and buzzer; (c) replacement of the driver's and passenger's side air bags and knee bolsters with U.S.-model components if the vehicle is not already so equipped. The petitioner states that the vehicle is equipped with combination lap and shoulder restraints that adjust by means of an automatic retractor and release by means of a single push button at both front designated seating positions, with combination lap and shoulder restraints that release by means of a single push button at both rear outboard designated seating positions, and with a lap belt at the rear center designated seating position.

Standard No. 214 *Side Impact Protection*: Installation of reinforcing beams.

Standard No. 301 *Fuel System Integrity*: Installation of a rollover valve in the fuel tank vent line between the fuel tank and the evaporative emissions collection canister.

The petitioner also states that a vehicle identification number plate must be affixed to the vehicle to meet 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, SW, 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: October 23, 1998.

Marilynne Jacobs,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33609]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company; Purchase Exemption; Union Pacific Railroad Company

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.
ACTION: Notice of Exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323-25 the purchase by Norfolk Southern Railway Company from Union Pacific Railroad Company of approximately 15.3 miles of rail line located between milepost 104.8 at Monterey Junction, IL (including the southwest leg of the wye track between mileposts 104.5 and 104.8), and milepost 119.8 at DeCamp, IL, as well as certain yard tracks known as the Wiggins Track, the New Pass Track and

the CNW (A&E) Main Track at Madison, IL, subject to standard labor protective conditions.

DATES: This exemption will be effective on November 28, 1998. Petitions to reopen must be filed by November 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33609 must be filed with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. Also, send one copy to petitioner's representative: James R. Paschall, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510-2191.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 565-1600 [TDD for hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., 1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 210, Washington, DC 20423-0001. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services at (202) 565-1695.]

Board decision and notices are available on our website at WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: October 20, 1998.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB for Review; Comment Request

October 21, 1998.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 30, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1384.

Form Number: IRS Form 3911.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Taxpayer Statement Regarding Refund.

Description: If taxpayer inquires about their nonreceipt of refund (or lost or stolen refund) and the refund has been issued, the information and taxpayer signature are needed to begin tracing action.

Respondents: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institution.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 520,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 43,160 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1397.

Form Number: IRS Form 8453-OL.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: U.S. Individual Income Tax Declaration for On-Line Filing.

Description: This form is used to secure taxpayer signatures and declarations in conjunction with the On-Line Electric Filing program. This form, together with the electronic transmission, comprises the taxpayer's return.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 50,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent/Recordkeeper: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 12,500 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1463.

Form Number: IRS Form 4996.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Electronic/Magnetic Media Filing Transmittal for Wage and Withholding Tax Returns.

Description: Form 4996 allows reporting agents to identify tax returns submitted on magnetic tapes or electronic transmissions. The reporting agent's signature is the signature of the "composite return" as required by Internal Revenue Regulations 31.6011(a)-8. Reporting agents are persons or organizations that submit tax returns or federal tax deposits on magnetic tape or via telecommunications.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 6 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 170 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1465.

Regulation Project Number: PS-54-94 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Environmental Settlement Funds—Classification.

Description: Section 7701 and the regulations thereunder classify entities for federal tax purposes as partnerships, associations, and trusts. Section 671 requires a grantor treated as an owner of a portion of a trust to include items in income. This regulation provides reporting rules.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 4 hours.

Frequency of Response: Other (Once).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 2,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 30, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1612.

Regulation Project Number: REG-209830-96 Final.