

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration****[Docket NHTSA-99-5087]****Rulemaking Program Meeting****AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of NHTSA Rulemaking Status 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.

DATES: The Agency's regular public meeting relating to its vehicle regulatory program will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2002, beginning at 9:45 a.m. and ending at approximately 12 p.m. at the Best Western Gateway International Hotel 9191 Wickham, Romulus, Michigan. Questions relating to the vehicle regulatory program must be submitted in writing with a diskette (Microsoft Word) by Wednesday, November 6, 2002, to the address shown below or by e-mail. If sufficient time is available, questions received after November 6, 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 November 6, 2002, and the issues to be discussed will be posted on NHTSA's Web site (www.nhtsa.dot.gov) by Wednesday, November 20, 2002, and also will be available at the meeting. The agency will hold a second public meeting on November 21, devoted exclusively to a presentation of research and development programs. This meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 5 p.m. This meeting is described more fully in a separate announcement. The next NHTSA Public Meeting will take place on Thursday, April 3, 2003, at the Best Western Gateway International Hotel, Romulus, Michigan.

ADDRESSES: Questions for the November 21, NHTSA Rulemaking Status Meeting, relating to the agency's vehicle regulatory program, should be submitted to Delia Lopez, NVS-100, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, Fax Number (202) 366-4329, e-mail dlopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. The meeting will be held at the Best Western Gateway International Hotel, Romulus,

Michigan 48174, the telephone number is 734-728-2800.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NHTSA holds regular public meetings 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 Rulemaking Office. Transcripts of these meetings will be available for public inspection in the DOT Docket 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 80 to 150 pages) 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 a.m. to 5 p.m. The transcript may also be accessed electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov>, at docket NHTSA-99-5087. Questions to be answered at the public meeting should be organized by categories to help us process the questions into an agenda form more efficiently.

Sample format:

I. Rulemaking

- A. Crash avoidance*
- B. Crashworthiness*
- C. Other Rulemakings*

II. Consumer Information**III. Miscellaneous**

We plan to conduct this meeting differently than past meetings in an effort to have a greater dialogue with the public on rulemaking issues. Instead of responding individually to questions asking when we plan to publish a particular rulemaking action, we will respond to all of those questions on a single piece of paper. That piece of paper will be posted on our Web site by Wednesday, November 20 and distributed at the public meeting on November 21. Our intention is to move these meetings away from focusing on NHTSA's schedule for its rulemaking actions to discussions about the substantive progress on rulemaking actions and the agency's substantive plans, to the extent those have been determined.

For the November 21 meeting, NHTSA will begin by addressing any substantive issues raised in the questions submitted in response to this notice. We will then offer a presentation by Roger Kurrus on the research behind

and reasons supporting the star ratings used in our New Car Assessment Program. NHTSA will then give a brief review of our plans for improving occupant protection in rear-end crashes. We expect this will form the basis for better dialogue with the attendees at these public meetings on rulemaking.

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 Lopez on (202) 366-1810, by COB Wednesday, November 20, 2002.

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Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration****[Docket No. NHTSA-2002-13533]**

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 1995-2002 Harley Davidson Buell Motorcycles (All Models) Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1995-2002 Harley Davidson Buell motorcycles (all models) are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 1995-2002 Harley Davidson Buell motorcycles (all models) that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because they (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 November 27, 2002.

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 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Luke Loy, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5308).

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**.

Northern California Diagnostic Laboratories, Inc. of Napa, California ("NCDL") (Registered Importer 92-011) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether non-U.S. certified 1995-2002 Harley Davidson Buell motorcycles (all models) are eligible for importation into the United States. NCDL contends that these vehicles are eligible for importation under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A). The vehicles which NCDL believes are substantially similar are 1995-2002 Harley Davidson Buell motorcycles (all models) that were manufactured for importation into, and sale in, the United States and certified by their manufacturer as conforming to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The petitioner claims that it carefully compared non-U.S. certified 1995-2002 Harley Davidson Buell motorcycles (all models) to their U.S.-certified counterparts, and found the vehicles to be substantially similar with respect to compliance with most Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Specifically, the petitioner claims that non-U.S. certified 1995-2002 Harley Davidson Buell motorcycles (all models) are identical to their U.S. certified counterparts with respect to compliance with Standard Nos. 106 *Brake Hoses*, 111 *Rearview Mirrors*, 116 *Brake Fluid*, 119 *New Pneumatic Tires for Vehicles other than Passenger Cars*, 122 *Motorcycle Brake Systems*, and 205 *Glazing Materials*.

The petitioner also states that vehicle identification number (VIN) plates that meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 565 have been affixed to non-U.S. certified 1995-2002 Harley Davidson Buell motorcycles.

Petitioner additionally contends that the vehicles are capable of being altered to meet the following standards, in the manner indicated below:

Standard No. 108 *Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment*: installation of headlamp bulbs, amber front side reflectors, and red rear side reflectors that conform to the requirements of the standard. The petitioner states that the vehicles are already equipped with a tail lamp system, a stop lamp system, a white license plate lamp, and turn signals that conform to the standard.

Standard No. 120 *Tire Selection and Rims for Vehicles other than Passenger Cars*: installation of a label showing that the tires and rims are in conformity with the requirements of the standard.

Standard No. 123 *Motorcycle Controls and Displays*: modification of the speedometer to read in miles per hour. The petitioner states that the vehicles are already equipped with a supplemental engine stop control on the right handlebar and other controls and displays that are in conformity with the requirements of the standard.

Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 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 on: October 23, 2002.

Marilynne Jacobs,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2002-13538]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 2002 Yamaha FJR 1300 Motorcycles Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 2002 Yamaha FJR 1300 motorcycles are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 2002 Yamaha FJR 1300 motorcycles that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because they have safety features that comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all such standards.

DATES: The closing date for comments on the petition is November 27, 2002.

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 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Luke Loy, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5308).

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