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Copies of the complete ICR are available through this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>, and also from Commandant (G-CIM-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Room 6106 (Attn: Barbara Davis), 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The telephone number is 202-267-2326.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202-267-2326, for questions on these documents; or Dorothy Beard, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. DOT, 202-366-5149, for questions on the docket.

**Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit comments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this document by docket number (USCG 2002-13766), and give the reasons for the comments. Please submit all comments and attachments in an unbound format no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

**Information Collection Requests**

1. *Title:* Approval of Plans and Records for Marine Engineering Systems—46 CFR Subchapter F.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0142.

*Summary:* This collection of information requires an owner or builder of a commercial vessel to submit to the U.S. Coast Guard, for review and approval, plans pertaining to marine-engineering systems to ensure that the vessel will meet regulatory standards.

*Need:* 46 U.S.C. 3306 authorizes the Coast Guard to prescribe rules for safety of vessels, including those related to marine-engineering systems. 46 CFR subchapter F prescribes them. They provide the specifications, standards, and requirements for strength and adequacy of design, construction, installation, inspection, and choice of materials for machinery, boilers, pressure vessels, safety valves, and piping systems upon which safety of life depends.

*Respondents:* Owners and builders of commercial vessels.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden Estimate:* The estimated burden is 3,090 hours a year.

2. *Title:* Ships Carrying Bulk Hazardous Liquids.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0089.

*Summary:* This information is needed to ensure the safe transport of bulk hazardous liquids on chemical tank vessels and to protect the environment from pollution.

*Need:* 46 U.S.C. 3703 authorizes the Coast Guard to prescribe rules for protection against hazards to life, property, and the marine environment. 46 CFR part 153 prescribes rules for the safe transport by vessel of bulk hazardous liquids.

*Respondents:* Owners and operators of chemical tank vessels.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden Estimate:* The estimated burden is 738 hours a year.

3. *Title:* Report of Discharge of Oil or Hazardous Substance.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0137.

*Summary:* The collection of information requires any person in charge of a vessel or an onshore or offshore facility to report to the National Response Center, as soon as he or she knows of any discharge of oil or a hazardous substance.

*Need:* 33 CFR 153.203, 40 CFR 263.30 and 264.56, and 49 CFR 171.15 mandate that the Center be the central place for the public to report all polluting spills. The information collected goes to it.

*Respondents:* Persons in charge of vessels or onshore or offshore facilities.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden Estimate:* The estimated burden is 8,667 hours a year.

4. *Title:* Records Relating to Citizenship of Personnel on Units Engaged in Activities on OCS.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0143.

*Summary:* Vessels and units engaged in activities on the Outer Continental Shelf OCS (exploration and exploitation of offshore resources such as gas and oil) must be manned and crewed by U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens (43 U.S.C. 1356). Employers must, by 33 CFR 141.35, maintain records demonstrating compliance.

*Need:* This information is needed to ensure compliance with the statutory mandates to man or crew OCS facilities with U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens.

*Respondents:* Operators of vessels and units engaged in activities on the OCS.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden Estimate:* The estimated burden is 442 hours a year.

5. *Title:* Barges Carrying Bulk Hazardous Materials.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0541.

*Summary:* 46 U.S.C. 3703 authorizes the Coast Guard to prescribe rules

related to the carriage of liquid bulk dangerous cargoes. 46 CFR part 151 prescribes rules for barges carrying bulk liquid hazardous materials.

*Need:* This information is needed to ensure the safe shipment of bulk hazardous liquids in barges. In particular, it is needed to ensure that barges meet safety standards and to ensure that barges' crewmembers have the information necessary to operate barges safely.

*Respondents:* Owners and operators of tank barges.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden Estimate:* The estimated burden is 10,903 hours a year.

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**C.I. Pearson,**

*Director of Information and Technology.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

**Announcing the Tenth Quarterly Meeting of the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN)**

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

**ACTION:** Meeting Announcement.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Tenth Quarterly Meeting of members of the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network. CIREN is a collaborative effort to conduct research on crashes and injuries at ten Level 1 Trauma Centers linked by a computer network. Researchers can review data and share expertise, which could lead to a better understanding of crash injury mechanisms and the design of safer vehicles.

**DATE AND TIME:** The meeting is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Department of Transportation Headquarters, (Nassif Building), 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CIREN System has been established and crash cases have been entered into the database by each Center. CIREN cases may be viewed from the NHTSA/CIREN Web site at: <http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/departments/nrd-50/ciren/CIREN.html>. NHTSA has held three Annual Conferences where CIREN research results were presented. Further information about the three previous

CIREN conferences is also available through the NHTSA Web site. NHTSA held the first quarterly meeting on May 5, 2000, with a topic of lower extremity injuries in motor vehicle crashes; the second quarterly meeting on July 21, 2000, with a topic of side impact crashes; the third quarterly meeting on November 30, 2000, with a topic of thoracic injuries in crashes; the fourth quarterly meeting on March 16, 2001, with a topic of offset frontal collisions; the fifth quarterly meeting on June 21, 2001, on CIREN outreach efforts; the sixth quarterly meeting (held in Ann Arbor, Michigan) with a topic of injuries involving sport utility vehicles, the seventh quarterly meeting on December 6, 2001, with a topic of Age Related Injuries (Elderly and Children), the eighth quarterly meeting on April 25, 2002, with a topic of Head and Traumatic Brain Injuries, and the ninth quarterly meeting on August 22, 2002 at Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center in Seattle, Washington with presentations highlighting the various research specialties of the Centers. Presentations from these meetings are available through the NHTSA website.

NHTSA plans to continue holding quarterly meetings on a regular basis to disseminate CIREN information to interested parties. This is the tenth such meeting. The ten CIREN Centers will be presenting papers on the research specialty for their particular center regarding crash injury mechanisms. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 3, 2003.

Should it be necessary to cancel the meeting due to inclement weather or to any other emergencies, a decision to cancel will be made as soon as possible and posted immediately on NHTSA's Web site <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/announce/meetings/>. If you do not have access to the Web site, you may call the contact listed below and leave your telephone or fax number. You will be called only if the meeting is postponed or canceled.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine McCullough, Office of Advanced Safety Research, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 6220, Washington, DC 20590, telephone: (202) 366-4734.

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**Raymond P. Owings,**

*Associate Administrator for Advanced Research and Analysis, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2002-10175; Notice 2]

#### Decision That Nonconforming 2001 Mercedes Benz Gelaendewagen 5-Door Long Wheel Base Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles Are Eligible for Importation

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

**ACTION:** Notice of decision by NHTSA that nonconforming 2001 Mercedes Benz Gelaendewagen 5-door long wheel base multipurpose passenger vehicles (MPVs) are eligible for importation.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the decision by NHTSA that 2001 Mercedes Benz Gelaendewagen 5-door long wheel base MPVs 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 applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

**DATES:** This decision is effective as of the date of its publication in the **Federal Register**.

**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 ("FMVSS") 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 FMVSS.

Where there is no substantially similar U.S.-certified motor vehicle, 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(B) permits a nonconforming motor vehicle to be admitted into the United States if its safety features comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable FMVSS based on destructive test data or such other evidence as NHTSA decides to be adequate.

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**.

J.K. Technologies, LLC, of Baltimore, MD, ("J.K.") (Registered Importer 90-006) petitioned NHTSA to decide whether 2001 Mercedes Benz Gelaendewagen MPVs are eligible for importation into the United States. NHTSA published notice of the petition on August 1, 2001 (66 FR 39823) to afford an opportunity for public comment. The reader is referred to that notice for a thorough description of the petition.

One comment was received in response to the notice of the petition, from the Original Automobile Manufacturers' Association of Concord, New Hampshire. This comment was signed by a James Linder, who identified himself as President of the organization. The comment questioned the adequacy of the documentation submitted by J.K. to demonstrate that the 2001 Mercedes Benz Gelaendewagen MPV complies with, or is capable of being altered to comply with, a number of FMVSSs. The comment recommended that the NHTSA engineer responsible for each of the standards cited (Standard Nos. 103, 104, 105, 108, 113, 114, 118, 124, 201, 202, 204, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 212, 214, 216, 219, 301, and 302, as well as the Federal Bumper Standard found in 49 CFR Part 581) review the data submitted by J.K. to determine whether it is sufficient to certify the compliance of the 2001 Mercedes Benz Gelaendewagen MPV with the standard. After receiving this comment, NHTSA learned that the names of both the organization that purportedly submitted it, and the individual who signed it, are fictitious. In light of this circumstance, as well as the fact that the comment essentially offers little more than suggestions to guide the agency in its review of the petition, we have concluded that it does not merit further discussion in this document. We do note, however, that in processing import eligibility petitions, the agency does obtain, when necessary, input of the kind the comment