

comprehensive standards for locomotive crashworthiness. These crashworthiness standards are intended to help protect locomotive cab occupants in the event of a locomotive collision. The collection of information is used by FRA to ensure that locomotive manufacturers and railroads meet minimum performance standards and design load requirements for newly manufactured and re-manufactured locomotives in order to help protect locomotive cab occupants in the event that one of these covered locomotives collides with another locomotive, the rear of another train, a piece of on-track equipment, a shifted load on a freight car on an adjacent parallel track, or a highway vehicle at a rail-highway grade crossing.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* 6,544 hours.

*Title:* Safety Appliance Concern Recommendation Report; Guidance Checklist Forms.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130-0565.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Railroads.

*Form(s):* FRA F 6180.4(a)-(q).

*Abstract:* In an ongoing effort to conduct more thorough and more effective inspections of railroad freight equipment and to further enhance safe rail operations, FRA has developed a safety concern recommendation report form, and a group of guidance checklist forms that facilitate railroad, rail car owner, and rail equipment manufacturer compliance with agency Railroad Safety Appliance Standards regulations. In lieu of completing an official inspection report (Form FRA F 6180.96), which takes subject railroad equipment out of service and disrupts rail operations, Form FRA F 6180.4a enables Federal and State safety inspectors to report to agency headquarters systemic or other safety concerns. FRA headquarters safety specialists can then contact railroads, car owners, and equipment manufacturers to address the reported issue(s) and institute necessary corrective action(s) in a timely fashion without unnecessarily having to take affected rail equipment out of service, unless deemed defective. Forms FRA F 6180.4(b)-(q) are used in conjunction with the Special Inspection of Safety Appliance Equipment form (Form FRA F 6180.4) to assist Federal Motive, Power, and Equipment (MP&E) field inspectors in ensuring that critical sections of 49 CFR part 231 (Railroad Safety Appliance Standards), pertaining to various types of freight equipment, are complied with through use of a check-off list. By simplifying their demanding work, check-off lists for 16 essential sections of part 231 ensure that

FRA MP&E field personnel completely and thoroughly inspect each type of freight car for compliance with its corresponding section in part 231. The Guidance Checklist forms may later be used by state field inspectors as well. FRA believes that this collection of information will result in improved construction of newly designed freight cars and improved field inspections of all freight cars currently in use. This, in turn, will serve to reduce the number of accidents/incidents and corresponding injuries and fatalities that occur every year due to unsafe or defective equipment that was not promptly repaired/replaced.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* 168 hours.

*Title:* Passenger Train Emergency Systems.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130-0576.

*Type of Request:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Railroads.

*Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Abstract:* The collection of information is due to passenger train emergency regulations set forth in 49 CFR part 238 to further the safety of passenger train occupants through both enhancements and additions to FRA's existing requirements. The collection of information is used by FRA, railroad employees, rescue workers, and the public. Emergency responders use the information collected to be able to quickly find and understand how to operate passenger cars' emergency windows, doors, and roof hatches so that they can successfully perform their jobs and save lives. The information collected is used by train passengers to: (1) Recognize and immediately report potential emergencies train crew members; (2) recognize hazards; (3) recognize and know how and when to operate appropriate emergency-related features and equipment, such as fire extinguishers, train doors, and emergency exits; and (4) recognize the potential special needs of fellow passengers, such as children, the elderly, and disabled, during an emergency; and (5) know how to quickly and safely evacuate the train in the event of an emergency, such as a collision, derailment, explosion, fire, or some other unanticipated occurrence. Luminescent or lighted emergency exit markings are used by train passengers and emergency responders to determine where the closest and most accessible emergency exit is located as well as how to operate the emergency exit mechanisms. Records of the inspection, maintenance, and repairs of emergency window and door exits and operational

efficiency tests are used by FRA inspectors to monitor railroads' regulatory compliance with this Part.

*Addressee:* Send comments regarding these information collections to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20503, Attention: FRA Desk Officer, or via e-mail to OMB at the following address:

*oira\_submissions@omb.eop.gov.*

*Comments are invited on the following:* Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 21, 2010.

**Kimberly Coronel,**

*Director, Office of Financial Management, Federal Railroad Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2010-0173; Notice 1]

#### Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 1991 Rice Beaufort Double Trailers Are Eligible for Importation

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1991 Rice Beaufort Double trailers are eligible for importation.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 1991 Rice Beaufort Double trailers that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) are eligible

for importation into the United States because 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 (the U.S.-certified version of the 1991 Rice Beaufort Double trailers,) and they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

**DATES:** The closing date for comments on the petition is January 27, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to the docket and notice numbers above and be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

**Instructions:** Comments must be written in the English language, and be no greater than 15 pages in length, although there is no limit to the length of necessary attachments to the comments. If comments are submitted in hard copy form, please ensure that two copies are provided. If you wish to receive confirmation that your comments were received, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard with the comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

**Privacy Act:** Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

**How to Read Comments Submitted to the Docket:** You may read the comments received by Docket Management at the address and times given above. You may also view the documents from the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets. The docket ID

number and title of this notice are shown at the heading of this document notice. Please note that even after the comment closing date, we will continue to file relevant information in the Docket as it becomes available. Further, some people may submit late comments. Accordingly, we recommend that you periodically search the Docket for new material.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Coleman Sachs, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-3151).

**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 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. 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 ("JK"), of Baltimore, Maryland (Registered Importer 90-006) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether nonconforming 1991 Rice Beaufort Double trailers are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicles which JK believes are substantially similar are 1991 Rice Beaufort Double trailers that were manufactured for sale in the United States and certified by their manufacturer as conforming to all applicable FMVSS. The petitioner states that it compared non-U.S. certified 1991 Rice Beaufort Double trailers to their U.S.-certified counterparts, and found the vehicles to be substantially similar to the U.S. certified model 1991 Rice Beaufort Double trailers.

The petitioner contends that the nonconforming 1991 Rice Beaufort

Double trailers are capable of being readily altered to meet the following standards, in the manner indicated:

**Standard No. 108 Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment:** installation of conforming reflex reflectors, tail lamps, license plate lamps, rear side marker lamps, front side marker lamps, intermediate side markers lamps, rear identification lamps, and front and rear clearance lamps, to achieve compliance with the standard.

**Standard No. 119 New Pneumatic Tires for Vehicles Other than Passenger Cars:** inspection of all vehicles and replacement of any nonconforming tires with ones that meet the standard.

**Standard No. 120 Tire Selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles Other than Passenger Cars:** installation of a tire information placard, and inspection of all vehicles and replacement of any nonconforming rims with ones that meet the standard.

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: December 20, 2010.

**Claude H. Harris,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[Docket No. NHTSA-2010-0174; Notice 1]

**The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance**

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (Goodyear)<sup>1</sup> has determined that certain Goodyear commercial truck tires manufactured between April 2007 and July 2010 do not fully comply with

<sup>1</sup> The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (Goodyear) is a State of Ohio corporation that manufactures replacement motor vehicle equipment.