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§ 1.94 The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Is responsible for:

(a) In highway safety, setting uniform guidelines for a coordinated national highway safety formula grant program carried out by the States and local communities; carrying out a research, development, and demonstration program; administering highway safety grant programs to encourage State efforts in such areas as occupant protection, impaired and distracted driving, traffic safety data information system improvements, motorcyclist safety, and child safety restraints; administering a nationwide high visibility enforcement program; and administering the National Driver Register.

(b) In motor vehicle safety, establishing and enforcing safety standards and regulations for the manufacture and importation of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment; conducting research, development, and testing concerning motor vehicle safety, including vehicle to vehicle and vehicle to infrastructure technologies and other new or advanced vehicle technologies; and investigating safety-related defects and non-compliance in motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment and administering related recalls.

(c) In automobile fuel economy, establishing automobile fuel economy standards for passenger and non-passenger automobiles and fuel efficiency standards for medium and heavy vehicles.

(d) In consumer protection and information, establishing requirements and carrying out programs for passenger motor vehicle information, such as the New Car Assessment Program; bumper standards for passenger motor vehicles; odometer requirements; and passenger motor vehicle theft prevention standards.

§ 1.95 Delegations to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator is delegated authority to:

(a) Exercise the authority vested in the Secretary under chapters 301, 303, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, and 331, of Title 49, U.S.C., except for 49 U.S.C. 32916(b).

(b) Exercise the authority vested in the Secretary by 49 U.S.C. 20134(a) with respect to laws administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator pertaining to highway, traffic and motor vehicle safety.

(c) Carry out, in coordination with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator, the authority vested in the Secretary by subchapter III of chapter 311 of title 49, U.S.C., to promulgate safety standards for commercial motor vehicles and equipment subsequent to initial manufacture when the standards are based upon and similar to a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard promulgated, either simultaneously or previously, under chapter 301 of title 49, U.S.C.

(d) Carry out the Highway Safety Act of 1966, as amended (23 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), except as it relates to highway safety programs, research and development relating to highway design, construction and maintenance; traffic control devices; identification and surveillance of accident locations; and highway-related aspects of pedestrian and bicycle safety.

(e) Carry out the functions and exercise the authority vested in the Secretary under 23 U.S.C. 406(e)(3), to engage in activities with States and State legislators to consider proposals related to safety belt use laws. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator may further delegate this authority, including to other Administrators within the Department.

(f) Carry out the functions and exercise the authority vested in the Secretary for the following provisions of Title 23, U.S.C. (with respect to matters within the primary responsibility of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator): 153, 154, 157, 158, 161, 163, 164, and 313 (Buy America).