

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****National Highway Traffic Safety Administration****49 CFR Parts 573, 576 and 577**

[Docket No. 93-68, Notice 6]

**Defect and Noncompliance Reports; Record Retention; Defect and Noncompliance Notification; Suspension of Effective Date**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Suspension of effective date of provisions of final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document suspends until further notice the effective dates of amendments to 49 CFR Part 576 (record retention) and 49 CFR sections 573.5(c)(8) (recall schedule); 573.7 (leased vehicle recordkeeping); and 577.5(h) (recall notification of lessees) promulgated by a final rule published in the **Federal Register** on April 5, 1995 (60 FR 17254). The suspension will permit the agency to gather further information on issues raised by petitions for reconsideration of those

sections and to consider those issues further. All other amendments made by the April 5 final rule not specified above are effective on July 7, 1995.

**DATES:** The effective date of the April 5, 1995 amendments to 49 CFR Part 576 and 49 CFR 573.5(c)(8) and 573.7 and the addition of § 577.5(h) is suspended pending resolution of petitions for reconsideration. The effective date (as established on May 16, 1995 (60 FR 26002)) of all other amendments made by the April 5 final rule remains July 7, 1995.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By this notice, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is suspending the effective date of certain provisions of a final rule published on April 5, 1995. 60 FR 17254. The original effective date of these amendments was May 5, 1995. The agency established a new effective date of July 7, 1995 (60 FR 26002; May 16, 1995), after having received several petitions for

reconsideration of the final rule shortly before the original effective date.

The agency has decided to solicit from the public additional information on certain provisions of the final rule that are the subjects of the petitions for reconsideration by holding a public meeting and providing an opportunity for written submissions. Notice of that meeting is published today in a separate **Federal Register** notice.

To give NHTSA an adequate opportunity to gather and consider additional information on those specified issues, before ruling on the petitions for reconsideration, the agency has decided to suspend the effective date of certain provisions of the April 5, 1995 final rule. This extension applies only to the amendments to 49 CFR Part 576, Record Retention, and 49 CFR 573.5(c)(8) (recall schedule), 573.7 (leased vehicle recordkeeping), and the addition of § 577.5(h) (recall notification of lessees). All other amendments made by the April 5, 1995 final rule will be effective on July 7, 1995.

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