

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Part 52**

[IL125-1-7030b; FRL-5312-8]

**Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) proposes to approve Illinois' May 5, 1995, State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision request establishing new rules for automotive/transportation and business machine plastic parts coating operations as part of the State's 15 percent Reasonable Further Progress Plan control measures for the control of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC). In the final rules section of this Federal Register, the USEPA is approving this action as a direct final rule without prior proposal because USEPA views this as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If USEPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule. USEPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before November 27, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be mailed to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Regulation Development Branch (AR18-J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Copies of the State submittal and USEPA's analysis of it are available for inspection at: Regulation Development Section, Regulation Development Branch (AR18-J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark J. Palermo, Regulation Development Section, Regulation Development Branch (AR18-J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,

Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6082.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules section of this Federal Register.

Dated: September 22, 1995.  
David A. Ullrich,  
*Acting Regional Administrator.*  
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[IL126-1-7031b; FRL-5299-9]

**Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) proposes to approve Illinois' May 5, 1995, request to revise the State's Wood Furniture Coating rule as part of the State's 15 percent Reasonable Further Progress Plan control measures for the control of Volatile Organic Matter. In the final rules section of this Federal Register, the USEPA is approving this action as a direct final rule without prior proposal because USEPA views this as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If USEPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule. USEPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this notice should do so at this time.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules section of this Federal Register.

Dated: August 9, 1995.  
Valdas V. Adamkus,  
*Regional Administrator.*  
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[WA8-1-5478b; WA36-1-6951b; FRL-5315-8]

**Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans: Washington****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA proposes to approve the PM-10 contingency measures for Seattle and Kent, Washington into the Washington State Implementation Plan (SIP). At the same time, EPA is providing notice that the conditions required under the June 23, 1994 (59 FR 32370), conditional approval of the Seattle PM-10 attainment plan have been met. The SIP revision was submitted by the State to satisfy certain Federal Clean Air Act requirements for contingency measures. In the Final Rules Section of this Federal Register, the EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If the EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by November 27, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Montel Livingston,

Environmental Protection Specialist (AT-082), Air Programs Section, at the EPA Regional Office listed below.

Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, Air Programs Section, 1200 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.

The State of Washington Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

George Lauderdale, Air Programs Branch (AT-082), EPA, 1200 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, (206) 553-6511.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** See the information provided in the Direct Final action which is located in the Rules Section of this Federal Register.

Dated: October 2, 1995.

Chuck Clarke,

*Regional Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### 49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. 95-72; Notice 1]

RIN 2127-AF75

#### Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This notice proposes amendments to Standard No. 108, the Federal motor vehicle standard on lighting, which are intended to harmonize the Standard's geometric visibility requirements for signal lamps, and rear side marker color, with those of the ECE. With harmonization of international standards in mind, the notice also seeks comments on whether the performance and installation of front and rear fog lamps ought to be regulated by Standard No. 108. Harmonization of motor vehicle safety regulations worldwide, *without* reducing safety, would allow manufacturers to reduce costs by producing to a single world

vehicle standard rather than several, thus reducing costs and improving the flow of trade. These actions implement the grant of a petition for rulemaking submitted by the Groupe de Travail Bruxelles.

**DATES:** Comments are due December 26, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to Docket No. 95-72; Notice 1 and be submitted to: Docket Section, room 5109, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. (Docket hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rich Van Iderstine, Office of Safety Performance Standards, NHTSA (Phone: 202-366-5275; FAX: 202-366-4329).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Harmonization of Geometric Visibility Requirements

The Groupe de Travail Bruxelles 1952 ("GTB") is composed of vehicle and lamp manufacturers from Europe, Japan, and the United States. GTB is an advisory group for the two organizations operating under the United Nations' Economic Commission for Europe that are involved in establishing motor vehicle lighting standards: The Meeting of Experts on Lighting and Light Signalling (GRE) and the Working Party on the Construction of Motor Vehicles (WP29).

GTB is seeking to "harmonize" the geometric visibility requirements of the United States and Europe through petitioning NHTSA for an amendment to Standard No. 108, and GRE and WP29 for amendments to ECE Regulation No.48 *Uniform Provisions Concerning the Approval of Vehicles With Regard to the Installation of Lighting and Light-Signalling Devices* ("ECE R48"), specifically ECE R48.01. Under present lighting regulations, motor vehicle manufacturers must produce four different lighting packages for the same vehicle in order for it to be sold in the United States, the United Kingdom, continental Europe, and Japan. Harmonization of lighting requirements, without reducing safety, would reduce costs to manufacturers and purchasers, and improve the flow of trade.

In its petition of June 15, 1994, GTB asked NHTSA to amend or introduce geometric visibility requirements for the following lamps and reflectors: backup lamp, front and rear turn signal lamps, stop lamps including the center highmounted stop lamp, parking lamps, taillamps, rear fog lamp, reflectors (front, intermediate, side, and rear), marker lamps (front, intermediate, and side), and daytime running lamps. The

petition noted that rear fog lamps are not presently included in Standard No. 108, and that many items of lighting equipment are not presently subject to geometric visibility requirements.

By way of explanation, "geometric visibility" is not a defined term in Standard No. 108. It refers to the visibility of a lamp or reflector mounted on a vehicle through a range of angles from left to right, and from up to down, with reference to the lens centerpoint (e.g., from 45 degrees left to 45 degrees right). With the exception of the center highmounted stop lamp (S5.1.1.27), the geometric visibility requirements for motor vehicle lamps are not set out in full in the text of Standard No. 108, but are contained in related SAE Standards that have been incorporated by reference in Standard No. 108. SAE requirements are not uniform and were adopted on an ad hoc basis.

The changes that GTB requested would affect passenger cars only, and would expand the range of visibility requirements for many lamps, especially turn signal lamps and parking lamps. GTB believes that a majority of vehicles being sold in the United States already meet the requirements. For those that do not, the petitioner suggests that "the necessary design changes should not be difficult to implement, assuming that adequate lead time is provided."

The requested rulemaking would add a fifth table to Standard No. 108 of lamps covered by geometric visibility requirements and a new paragraph in S5.1.1 which would apply to the vehicles presently subject to tables III and IV, i.e., not only passenger cars, but also multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks, trailers, and buses whose overall width is less than 80 inches (2032 mm). This section would allow manufacturers the option of providing geometric visibility of at least 12.5 sq. cm. or "meeting ECE Reg 48.01 paragraph 6." This would result in imposing geometric visibility requirements on five lamps and four reflectors not currently subject to geometric visibility specifications.

#### Options Presented by the Petition

NHTSA has examined the possibility of incorporating ECE R48 into Standard No. 108, and decided that it is unnecessarily complex and could be confusing. For example, a turn signal lamp is allowable under R48:

as meeting ECE Reg. 48.01 *Addendum 47* paragraph 6, dated March 22, 1994, and meeting the geometric visibility requirements specified in: \* \* \* ECE Regulation, R-6 Revision 2, 9 Aug. 1993 *Front and Rear Turn Signals*.