

or that urgent and compelling circumstances that significantly affect the interests of the United States do not permit waiting for the GAO's decision. The written determination and findings (D&F), in the format shown at 501.704-70(e)(2), should be prepared by the contracting officer for signature of the HCA. The D&F must be concurred in by the Regional Counsel (on regional procurements), and the appropriate AGC. After the D&F is approved, it must be returned to the AGC who notifies GAO of the agency's findings and intended action before contract performance is authorized.

(d) *Notice to GAO.* The HCA responsible for the solicitation, proposed award, or award of the contract must report to the Comptroller General through the OGC within 65 days of receipt of the GAO's recommendation if the agency has decided not to comply with the recommendation. The report must explain the reasons why the GAO's recommendation will not be followed.

533.105 [Amended]

18. In section 533.105 paragraph (a)(1) introductory text, remove the words "Resources Management" after the word "Information" and insert in their place "Technology."

PART 552—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

552.219-9 [Removed]

19. Section 552.219-9 and its Alternate I are removed.

552.219-16 [Removed]

20. Section 552.219-16 is removed.
21. Section 552.219-72 is revised to read as follows:

552.219-72 Notice to Offerors of Subcontracting Plan Requirements.

As prescribed in 519.708(a), insert the following provision:

NOTICE OF OFFERORS OF SUBCONTRACTING PLAN REQUIREMENTS (DEC 1995)

The General Services Administration (GSA) is committed to assuring that maximum practicable opportunity is provided to small, small disadvantaged, and women-owned small business concerns to participate in the performance of this contract consistent with its efficient performance. GSA expects any subcontracting plan submitted pursuant to FAR 52.219-9, Small, Small Disadvantaged and Women Owned Small Business Subcontracting Plan, to reflect this commitment. Consequently, an offeror, other than a small business concern, before being awarded a contract exceeding \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction) will be required

to demonstrate that its subcontracting plan represents a creative and innovative program for involving small, small disadvantaged, and women-owned small business concerns as subcontractors in the performance of this contract.

(End of Provision)

552.219-73 [Amended]

22. In section 552.219-73 introductory text revise the GSAR cite to read "519.708(b)," and revise the date of the clause to read "DEC 1995"; in paragraph (b) of the clause remove the GSAR cite "552.219-9(d)" and insert in its place "FAR 52.219-9(d)." Also in paragraph (b) second sentence, revise the phrase "Small Business" to read "Small, Small Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Small Business"; in paragraph (c)(1) remove "552.219-9" and insert in its place "FAR 52.219-9."

552.219-74 [Amended]

23. In section 552.219-74 introductory text, revise the GSAR cite to read "519.708(c)," revise the clause date to read "(DEC 1995)," in paragraph (a)(1) of the clause remove all the text after the word "at" at the end of paragraph (a)(1) and insert in its place "FAR 52.219-9, Small, Small Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Small Business Subcontracting Plan;" in paragraph (a)(2) remove "552.219-9(d)" and insert in its place "FAR 52.219-9(d); in paragraph (c)(1) remove "552.219-9" and insert in its place "FAR 52.219-9."

Dated: December 14, 1995.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. 92-29; Notice 9]

RIN 2127-AF96

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Stability and Control of Medium and Heavy Vehicles During Braking

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

ACTION: Final rule, notice to extend time period for petitions for reconsideration.

SUMMARY: This document extends the period of time to submit petitions for reconsideration of a final rule published

on December 13, 1995 that responded to petitions for reconsideration of a final rule that amended Standard No. 105, *Hydraulic Brake Systems*, and Standard No. 121, *Air Brake Systems*, to require medium and heavy vehicles be equipped with an antilock brake system (ABS).

DATES: *Petitions for Reconsideration:*

Any petitions for reconsideration of the December 13, 1995 final rule must be received by NHTSA no later than January 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Petitions for reconsideration should refer to Docket No. 92-29, Notice 7 and should be submitted to:

Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Marvin L. Shaw, NCC-20, Rulemaking Division, Office of Chief Counsel, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-2992.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 13, 1995, NHTSA published a final rule responding to petitions for reconsideration of final rules addressing the brake performance of medium and heavy vehicles. (60 FR 63965). The December final rule required petitions for reconsideration to be submitted no later than January 12, 1996.

On December 5, 1995, NHTSA published a final rule that amended NHTSA's procedural rules. (60 FR 62221) Among other things, that rule provided that the agency will accept petitions for reconsideration of a final rule, if they are received not more than 45 days after the publication of the final rule. Previously, petitions for reconsideration had to be received not more than 30 days following publication of a final rule.

NHTSA inadvertently did not apply this new procedural amendment to the December 13, 1995 final rule that addressed heavy vehicle brake performance. Given that the new procedural amendments should have applied to that notice, the agency is extending the period of time that interested parties may submit petitions for reconsideration an additional 15 days. Accordingly, any petitions for reconsideration of the December 13, 1995 final rule must be received by NHTSA no later than January 29, 1996.

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Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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