

number indicating that the vehicle is eligible for entry. VSP-143 is the vehicle eligibility number assigned to vehicles admissible under this decision.

#### Final Decision

Accordingly, on the basis of the foregoing, NHTSA hereby decides that a 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300SL (Body Style 129) not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards is substantially similar to a 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300SL originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and certified under 49 U.S.C. § 30115, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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.

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Marilynne Jacobs,

*Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.*  
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#### [Docket No. 95-73; Notice 2]

#### Decision That Nonconforming 1987 Nissan Stanza Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation

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

**ACTION:** Notice of decision by NHTSA that nonconforming 1987 Nissan Stanza passenger cars are eligible for importation.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the decision by NHTSA that 1987 Nissan Stanza passenger cars not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because they are substantially similar to a vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and certified by its manufacturer as complying with the safety standards (the U.S.-certified version of the 1987 Nissan Stanza), and they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

**DATES:** This decision is effective as of January 22, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Entwistle, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5306).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) (formerly section 108(c)(3)(A)(i) of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act (the Act)), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards 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 (formerly section 114 of the Act), 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 Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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.

Liphardt & Associates of Ronkonkoma, New York (Registered Importer R-90-004) petitioned NHTSA to decide whether 1987 Nissan Stanza passenger cars are eligible for importation into the United States. NHTSA published notice of the petition on September 12, 1995 (60 FR 47424) to afford an opportunity for public comment. The reader is referred to that notice for a thorough description of the petition. No comments were received in response to the notice. Based on its review of the information submitted by the petitioner, NHTSA has decided to grant the petition.

##### Vehicle Eligibility Number of Subject Vehicles

The importer of a vehicle admissible under any final decision must indicate on the form HS-7 accompanying entry the appropriate vehicle eligibility number indicating that the vehicle is eligible for entry. VSP-139 is the vehicle eligibility number assigned to vehicles admissible under this decision.

#### Final Decision

Accordingly, on the basis of the foregoing, NHTSA hereby decides that a 1987 Nissan Stanza not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards is substantially similar to a 1987 Nissan Stanza originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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.

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Marilynne Jacobs,

*Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.*  
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#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

##### Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) as amended, by section 5(c) of Public Law 94-409 that a meeting of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will be held at the Vista International Hotel, 1400 "M" Street NW, Washington, DC on January 23 through January 25, 1996.

The session on January 23, 1996, is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. The sessions on January 24 and January 25, 1996, are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review rehabilitation research and development applications for scientific and technical merit and to make recommendations to the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, regarding their funding.

The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room for the January 23 session for discussion of administrative matters, the general status of the program, and the administrative details of the review process. On January 23-25, 1996 the meeting is closed during which the Board will be reviewing research and development applications.

This review involves oral comments, discussion of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of proposed research protocols, and similar

analytical documents that necessitate the consideration of the personal qualifications, performance and competence of individual research investigators. Disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Disclosure would also reveal research proposals and research underway which could lead to the loss of these projects to third parties and thereby frustrate future agency research efforts.

Thus, the closing is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 522b(c)(6), and (c)(9)(B) and the determination of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs under Sections 10(d) of Public Law 92-463 as amended by Section 5(c) of Public Law 94-409.

Dated: January 11, 1996.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

*Committee Management Officer.*

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### Wage Committee, Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with Public Law 92-463, gives notice that meetings of the VA Wage Committee will be held on: Wednesday, January 31, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 14, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 6, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 27, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held in Room 1225, Department of Veterans Affairs, Tech World Plaza, 801 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 2001.

The Committee's purpose is to advise the Under Secretary for Health on the development and authorization of wage schedules for Federal Wage System (blue-collar) employees.

At these meetings the Committee will consider wage survey specifications, wage survey data, local committee reports and recommendations, statistical analyses, and proposed wage schedules.

All portions of the meetings will be closed to the public because the matters considered are related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Department of Veterans Affairs and because the wage survey data considered by the Committee have been obtained from officials of private business establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence. Closure of the meetings in accordance with subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by

Public Law 94-409, and as cited in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (4).

However, members of the public are invited to submit material in writing to the Chairperson for the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning these meetings may be obtained from the Chairperson, VA Wage Committee, Room 1225, 801 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 2001.

Dated: January 11, 1996.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

*Committee Management Officer.*

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### The Enhanced-Use Development of the VAMC Big Spring, TX

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice of designation.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs is designating the Big Spring, TX, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) for an Enhanced-Use development. The Department intends to enter into a long-term lease of real property with the Government Employees Federal Credit Union. The Credit Union will construct and maintain a parking area on the site, and will, as consideration for the lease, provide specified facilities and services to the Department at no cost.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jacob Gallun, Office of Asset and Enterprise Development (089), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202)565-4307.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 38 U.S.C. 8161 *et seq.*, specifically provides that the Secretary may enter into an Enhanced-Use lease, if the Secretary determines that at least part of the use of the property under the lease will be to provide appropriate space for an activity contributing to the mission of the Department, the lease will not be inconsistent with and will not adversely affect the mission of the Department; and the lease will enhance the property. This project meets these requirements.

Approved: December 14, 1995.

Jesse Brown,

*Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

Notice of Intent To Award Enhanced-Use Lease Report

Pursuant to the provisions of 38 U.S.C. Section 8161, *et seq.*, "Enhanced-Use Leases of Real Property" this serves as notice that

the Secretary of Veterans Affairs ("Secretary") intends to designate approximately .25 acres at the Big Spring, TX, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) as a site ("the site") that will be subject to public/private development of a parking garage under the terms of an Enhanced-Use lease.

### Background and Rationale

The Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Big Spring, TX, is an isolated medical facility located in the heart of Texas. The surrounding city of Big Spring is the home to several large Federal installations including two Federal Prisons and a large U.S. Postal Service Center. The employees of all of these facilities are serviced by the Government Employees Federal Credit Union, which is located adjacent to the VAMC. The Credit Union site currently includes 24 parking spaces, 20 of which, located behind the Credit Union building, are inconvenient for customers. These spaces are, however, well-located for use by VA employees. These spaces are currently leased by the Credit Union directly to VA personnel on a first-come, first-served basis. The Credit Union membership has grown substantially in the past few years, and now finds that its remaining 4 parking spaces are insufficient. The Credit Union has proposed the construction of a new parking lot, on land leased from VA, to satisfy its customers' parking needs.

Under the Enhanced-Use Concept, the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center will lease approximately .25 acres of land to the Government Employees Federal Credit Union for a period of 35 years. On this leased site, the Credit Union will construct a parking lot of 20 to 25 spaces for its customers. In lieu of paying fair market value rent to VA for lease of the site, VA will receive control and use of the existing Credit Union-owned parking lot, which is currently used by VA employees. There will be no money exchanged between VA and the Credit Union. All costs of constructing the parking lot will be paid by the Credit Union. The Credit Union will be responsible for maintenance of the parking lot on the outleased site, while the VAMC will take over the maintenance of the existing lot which will be used by VA employees. At the end of the lease term, title to all improvements will revert to the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center. There are no physical or functional impediments to the development of this project on site.

### Economic Factors

The landscaped land proposed for outlease under this proposal is currently maintained by the VAMC at a cost of approximately \$2,500 per year. Over the anticipated 35-year span of this agreement, VA would, therefore, avoid expenditures of approximately \$75,000. Maintenance costs for the existing lot, to be assumed by VA, are estimated at less than \$250 per year, or \$7,500 over the term of the agreement. This equates to a net cost avoidance over the term of the agreement of \$67,500.

The Big Spring, TX, District Appraisal has reported that the 1994 value of the 31 acres