

Time Line

Action	Date
Development of Research Plan .....	Completed.
Publication of Research Plan in <b>Federal Register</b> ; Request for Internal and External Stakeholder Comments .....	8/96.
Completion of Initial Research on Functional Assessment Instruments .....	11/96.
<b>Federal Register</b> Notice Describing Initial Research Products; Request for Internal and External Stakeholder Comments .....	1/97.
Award of DES Contract .....	7/97.
Further Research (Other Disability Programs, Vocational Factors); Laboratory Testing; DES Stage 1 Field Work Begins .....	7/97-9/97.
<b>Federal Register</b> Notice Describing Further Research and Testing; Request for Internal and External Stakeholder Comments .....	9/97.
Supplemental Research (as needed) and Testing; DES Stage 1 Field Work .....	1/98-9/98.
<b>Federal Register</b> Notice Describing Supplemental Research and Testing Based on Results to Date; Request for Internal and External Stakeholder Comments.	9/98.
Review of All Research, Comments, and Testing in Conjunction with DES Stage 1 Data; DES Stage 2 Field Work .....	10/98-10/99
FEDERAL REGISTER Notice Describing DES Research Including Interim Results; Request for Internal and External Stakeholder Comments.	11/99
Final Review of All Research, Testing, Comments, and DES Data; Recommendation of Final Disability Decision Methodology .....	11/99-12/99

Dated: August 30, 1996.  
 John Dyer,  
*Acting, Principal Deputy Commissioner of Social Security.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Coast Guard**

[CGD08-96-040]

**Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.  
**ACTION:** Notice of full committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC) will meet to discuss waterway improvements, aids to navigation, current meters, and various other navigation safety matters affecting the Houston/Galveston area. All meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting of HOGANSAC will be held on Thursday, October 3, 1996 from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. Members of the public may present written or oral statements at the meetings.

**ADDRESSES:** The HOGANSAC meeting will be held in the conference room of the Houston Pilots Office, 8150 South Loop East, Houston, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Captain K. Eldridge, Executive Director of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5101, or Commander P. Carroll, Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5164.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

**Agenda of the Meeting**

*Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC).* The tentative agenda includes the following:

- (1) Introductory remarks by the new sponsor (Rear Admiral T. W. Josiah) and Executive Director (Captain K. Eldridge).
- (2) Approval of the May 23, 1996 minutes.
- (3) Report from the Navigation Subcommittee.
- (4) Report from the Waterways Subcommittee.

**Procedural**

All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings.

**Information on Services for the Handicapped**

For information on facilities or services for the handicapped or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: August 23, 1996.  
 T.W. Josiah,  
*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.*  
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**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

**Research and Development Programs Meeting Agenda**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides the agenda for a public meeting at which the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will describe

and discuss specific research and development projects.

**DATES AND TIMES:** As previously announced, NHTSA will hold a public meeting devoted primarily to presentations of specific research and development projects on September 11, 1996, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** The meeting will be held at the Tysons Westpark Hotel, 8401 Westpark Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice provides the agenda for the fourteenth in a series of public meetings to provide detailed information about NHTSA's research and development programs. This meeting will be held on September 11, 1996. The meeting was announced on August 13, 1996 (61 FR 42083). For additional information about the meeting consult that announcement.

Starting at 1:30 p.m. and concluding by 5:00 p.m., NHTSA's Office of Research and Development will discuss the following topics:

- Air bag assessment research,
- Status of ejection mitigation research,
- Improved frontal crash protection—update on oblique moving barrier testing,
- Preliminary estimates of safety benefits for ITS collision avoidance systems,
- National Center for Statistics and Analysis information services,
- National Accident Sampling System (NASS) status report,
- Pedestrian special NASS study,
- On-line tracking system for NHTSA's research projects.

NHTSA has based its decisions about the agenda, in part, on the suggestions it received by August 22, 1996, in response to the announcement published August 13, 1996.

As announced on August 13, 1996, in the time remaining at the conclusion of

the presentations, NHTSA will provide answers to questions on its research and development programs, where those questions have been submitted in writing by 4:15 p.m. on August 29, 1996, to William A. Boehly, Associate Administrator for Research and Development, NRD-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Washington, DC 20590. Fax number: 202-366-5930.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rita I. Gibbons, Staff Assistant, Office of Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-4862. Fax number: 202-366-5930.

Issued: September 4, 1996.

William A. Boehly,  
Associate Administrator for Research and Development.

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[Docket Nos. 96-045; Notice 2, 96-058; Notice 2, 96-059; Notice 2, 96-060; Notice 2, 96-061; Notice 2, 96-062; Notice 2, 96-063; Notice 2, 96-064; Notice 2]

**Decision That Nonconforming 1992 Jeep Cherokee Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicles Manufactured for the Venezuelan Market, et al., are Eligible for Importation**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.  
**ACTION:** Notice of decision by NHTSA that nonconforming 1992 Jeep Cherokee multi-purpose passenger vehicles manufactured for the Venezuelan market, 1983 Yamaha RD 350 motorcycles, 1993 Mercedes-Benz 420E passenger cars, 1994-1996 Mercedes-Benz E420 passenger cars, 1993 Mercedes-Benz 280E passenger cars, 1994-1996 Mercedes-Benz E280 passenger cars, 1992 Mercedes-Benz 250D passenger cars, 1993-1996 Mercedes-Benz 220TE station wagons, 1993 Mercedes-Benz 220E passenger cars, 1994-1996 Mercedes-Benz E220 passenger cars, and 1993, 1995, and 1996 Porsche Carrera 2-door passenger cars are eligible for importation.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the decision by NHTSA that 1992 Jeep Cherokee multi-purpose passenger vehicles manufactured for the Venezuelan market, 1983 Yamaha RD 350 motorcycles, 1993 Mercedes-Benz 420E passenger cars, 1994-1996 Mercedes-Benz E420 passenger cars, 1993 Mercedes-Benz 280E passenger cars, 1994-1996 Mercedes-Benz E280 passenger cars, 1992 Mercedes-Benz 250D passenger cars, 1993-1996

Mercedes-Benz 220TE station wagons, 1993 Mercedes-Benz 220E passenger cars, 1994-1996 Mercedes-Benz E220 passenger cars, and 1993, 1995, and 1996 Porsche Carrera 2-door 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 vehicles originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and certified by their manufacturers as complying with the safety standards, and they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

**DATE:** This decision is effective as of September 9, 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.

NHTSA received petitions from registered importers to decide whether 1992 Jeep Cherokee multi-purpose passenger vehicles manufactured for the Venezuelan market, 1983 Yamaha RD 350 motorcycles, 1993 Mercedes-Benz

420E passenger cars, 1994-1996 Mercedes-Benz E420 passenger cars, 1993 Mercedes-Benz 280E passenger cars, 1994-1996 Mercedes-Benz E280 passenger cars, 1992 Mercedes-Benz 250D passenger cars, 1993-1996 Mercedes-Benz 220TE station wagons, 1993 Mercedes-Benz 220E passenger cars, 1994-1996 Mercedes-Benz E220 passenger cars, and 1993, 1995, and 1996 Porsche Carrera 2-Door passenger cars are eligible for importation into the United States. To afford an opportunity for public comment, NHTSA published notice of these petitions as follows:

Vehicle	Notice date and cite
1992 Jeep Cherokee	May 10, 1996 (61 FR 21530).
1983 Yamaha RD 350.	June 25, 1996 (61 FR 32891).
1993 Mercedes-Benz 420E.	June 19, 1996 (61 FR 31220).
1994-1996 Mercedes-Benz E420.	June 19, 1996 (61 FR 31220).
1993 Mercedes-Benz 280E.	June 12, 1996 (61 FR 29788).
1994-1996 Mercedes-Benz E280.	June 12, 1996 (61 FR 29788).
1992 Mercedes-Benz 250D.	June 25, 1996 (61 FR 32892).
1993-1996 Mercedes-Benz 220TE.	June 12, 1996 (61 FR 29793).
1993 Mercedes-Benz 220E.	June 12, 1996 (61 FR 29791).
1994-1996 Mercedes-Benz E220.	June 12, 1996 (61 FR 29791).
1993, 1995 and 1996 Porsche Carrera 2-door.	June 19, 1996 (61 FR 31216).

The reader is referred to those notices for a thorough description of the petitions. No comments were received in response to these notices. Based on its review of the information submitted by the petitioners, NHTSA has decided to grant the petitions.

**Vehicle Eligibility Number for 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. Vehicle eligibility numbers assigned to vehicles admissible under this decision are as follows:

Vehicle	Vehicle eligibility number
1992 Jeep Cherokee (Venezuelan).	VSP-164.
1983 Yamaha RD 350 .....	VSP-171.
1993 Mercedes-Benz 420E .....	VSP-169.
1994-96 Mercedes-Benz E420 .....	VSP-169.
1993 Mercedes-Benz 280E .....	VSP-166.
1994-96 Mercedes-Benz E280 .....	VSP-166.
1992 Mercedes-Benz 250D .....	VSP-172.