

application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST-96-2040.

Date filed: December 31, 1996.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: January 28, 1997.

Description: Application of Delta Air Lines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Sections 41102 and 41108, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for renewal of its certificate of public convenience and necessity for Route 526, issued by Order 87-5-5, served May 8, 1987, and renewed by Order 92-6-21 (served June 12, 1992), authorizing Delta to engage in foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between the terminal points Cincinnati, Ohio and London (Gatwick), England.

Paulette V. Twine,

Chief, Documentary Services.

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Coast Guard

[CGD 96-0711]

Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). CTAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters relating to the safe transportation and handling of hazardous materials in bulk on U.S. flag vessels and barges in U.S. ports and waterways.

DATES: Applications and any supporting information must be received on or before April 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Application forms may be obtained by writing Commandant (G-MSO-3), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling (202) 267-0087; or by faxing (202) 267-4570. Completed application forms must be submitted to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Kevin S. Cook, Executive Director of CTAC, or Lieutenant J.J. Plunkett, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone (202) 267-0087, fax (202) 267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) is a Federal advisory committee constituted under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection on matters relating to the safe transportation and handling of hazardous materials in bulk on U.S. flag vessels and barges in U.S. ports and waterways. The advice and recommendations of CTAC also assist the U.S. Coast Guard in formulating U.S. positions prior to meetings of the International Maritime Organization.

CTAC meets at least once a year at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Its subcommittees and working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required.

The Coast Guard will consider applications for ten positions that expire or become vacant in September 1997. To be eligible, applicants should have experience in chemical manufacturing, marine transportation of chemicals, occupational safety and health, or environmental protection issues associated with chemical transportation. Each member serves for a term of 3 years. A few members may serve consecutive terms. All members serve at their own expense, and receive no salary, reimbursement of travel expenses, or other compensation from the Federal Government.

In support of the Department of Transportation's policy on ethnic and gender diversity, the Coast Guard is especially seeking applications from qualified women and minority group members.

Applicants may be required to complete an Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (SF 450).

Dated: January 3, 1997.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. 96-106; Notice 2]

Decision That Nonconforming 1997 Mercedes-Benz Gelaendewagen Type 463 Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicles Are Eligible for Importation

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

ACTION: Notice of decision by NHTSA that nonconforming 1997 Mercedes-Benz Gelaendewagen Type 463 multi-purpose passenger vehicles (MPVs) are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the decision by NHTSA that 1997 Mercedes-Benz Gelaendewagen Type 463 MPVs not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because they have safety features that comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all such standards.

DATES: The decision is effective January 10, 1997.

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), 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, 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. Where there is no substantially similar U.S.-certified motor vehicle, 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(B) permits a nonconforming motor vehicle to be admitted into the United States if its safety features comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards based on destructive test data or such other evidence as NHTSA decides to be adequate.

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 determination in the Federal Register.