

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contact.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. NHTSA 98-4673, Notice 2]

RIN 2127-AG87

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

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Extension of comment period for a notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice grants a request to extend the comment period on an agency proposal to reorganize the sections of Standard No. 108, Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment, relating to headlighting (63 FR 63258, November 12, 1998). The comment closing date is changed from February 10, 1999 to April 11, 1999.

DATES: Comments on docket NHTSA 98-4673, Notice 1 must be received on or before April 11, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the Docket NHTSA 98-4673, Notice 1 and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 (Docket hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Boyd, Office of Safety

Performance Safety Standards, NHTSA, telephone (202) 366-6346.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NHTSA's proposed rewrite of the headlighting sections of FMVSS No. 108 is intended to remove inconsistencies and to facilitate easy reference to the standard. A proposed rewrite of the signal lamp sections of the standard will follow.

DaimlerChrysler, Ford and General Motors requested a 60 day extension of the comment period because they wanted to provide a response coordinated through the newly formed Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers (AAM). Formerly, the American Automobile Manufacturers Association (AAMA) provided such coordinated responses to notices of proposed rulemaking, but it disbanded during the comment period.

After reviewing the situation, NHTSA agrees with the petitioners that additional time is desirable to obtain a coordinated response. The amended text is lengthy, but the amendments are intended primarily to improve clarity. Accordingly, the agency believes that there is good cause for the extension and that the extension is consistent with the public interest. Based on the above considerations, the agency has decided to extend the comment period until April 11, 1999.

Issued on: February 2, 1999.

Stephen R. Kratzke,

Acting Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 583

[Docket No. NHTSA-98-5064]

RIN 2127-AH33

Motor Vehicle Content Labeling

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to amend the regulation NHTSA issued to implement the American Automobile Labeling Act. That Act requires passenger motor vehicles to be labeled with information about their domestic and foreign parts content. Congress recently amended that Act to make a number of changes in the labeling requirement. This proposal would make

the regulation consistent with those changes.

DATES: Comments must be received by April 9, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number, and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 (Docket hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For nonlegal issues: Henrietta Spinner, Office of Planning and Consumer Programs, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 (202-366-4802).

For legal issues: Edward Glancy, Office of the Chief Counsel, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 (202-366-2992).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 21, 1994, NHTSA published in the **Federal Register** (59 FR 37294) a new regulation, 49 CFR part 583, Automobile Parts Content Labeling, to implement the American Automobile Labeling Act (AALA). That Act, which is codified at 49 U.S.C. 32304, requires passenger motor vehicles to be labeled with information about their domestic and foreign parts content. We encourage interested persons to read the July 1994 notice, as well as the various subsequent notices published by the agency in response to petitions for reconsideration, for a detailed explanation of this program.

As part of the NHTSA Reauthorization Act of 1998,¹ Congress amended the AALA to make a number of changes in the labeling requirement. The changes are set forth in section 7106(d) of the NHTSA Reauthorization Act.

In this notice, the agency is proposing to amend Part 583 to conform it to the amended AALA. We will discuss each of the changes made by the Congress, and any conforming amendments being proposed for part 583, in the order set forth in section 7106(d).

Changes to the AALA; Proposed Conforming Amendments

Determination of Origin of Engine and Transmission (Subparagraph (1)(A) of Section 7106(d))

The original AALA specified, among other things, that vehicles were to be

¹ This Act was part of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The full text of TEA-21 and the conference report is available on the Web at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21/>.