

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Transit Administration**

[FTA Docket No. FTA-99-6417]

**Intelligent Transportation System;
Architecture and Standards****AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.**ACTION:** Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On May 25, 2000, FTA issued a notice requesting comments on the proposed National Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture Policy for project development, requesting comments to be submitted by August 23, 2000. This document extends this rulemaking's comment period for 30 days, until September 23, 2000, in response to requests for additional time to assess the impact of this rule on the nation's highway and transit systems and to provide meaningful comments.

DATES: Comments should be received no later than September 23, 2000. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: All, signed, written comments must refer to the docket number appearing at the top of this document and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590-0001. Comments may also be submitted electronically to the docket following the instructions located at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>

All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may also be viewed electronically via the Department of Transportation's online Document Management System (DMS) at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Viewers can download copies of this proposed rule and all comments 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. The notice is also posted in PDF and HTML on the FTA website at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/library/legal/fr00toc.htm>. Internet users may view this and other rulemaking documents via the Office of the Federal Register's homepage at <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg> or through the U.S. Government Printing Office's homepage at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ronald Boenau, Chief, FTA Advanced

Public Transportation Systems Division (TRI-11) at (202) 366-0195, or Mr. Brian Cronin, Advanced Public Transportation Systems Division (TRI-11) at (202) 366-8841. For legal information, contact Ms. Linda Sorkin, FTA Office of Chief Counsel (TCC-20) at (202) 366-1936.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 25, 2000 (65 FR 34002), FTA published an NPRM proposing the establishment of regulations to implement a portion of Section 5206(e) of the TEA-21 which requires ITS projects funded from the highway trust fund to conform to the National ITS Architecture, applicable or provisional standards, and protocols.

Since that date, FTA has received requests from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the American Public Transportation Association, the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and several State Departments of Transportation to extend the comment period. These groups voiced concerns that the proposed rule was extremely complex and that 90 days was insufficient time to assess the impact of the proposed rules and provide meaningful comments. We agree that more time for an in-depth analysis of the NPRM would be beneficial to FTA in this rulemaking. For these reasons, FTA is extending the comment period by 30 days, until September 23, 2000.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 134 and 315; 42 U.S.C. 7410 et seq; 49 U.S.C. 5303-5309; 49 CFR 1.8 and 1.51.

Dated: August 9, 2000.

Nuria I. Fernandez,

Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

[Docket No. NHTSA-00-7756]

**Notice of Receipt of Petition for
Decision That Nonconforming 1995-
2000 Mazda Xedos 9 Passenger Cars
Are Eligible for Importation**

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1995-2000 Mazda Xedos 9 Passenger cars are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 1995-2000 Mazda Xedos 9 passenger cars that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because (1) they are substantially similar to vehicles that were originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and that were certified by their manufacturer as complying with the safety standards, and (2) they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

DATE: The closing date for comments on the petition is September 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number and notice number, and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh St., S.W., Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 9 am to 5 pm]

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.

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**.

G&K Automotive Conversion, Inc. of Santa Ana, California ("G&K") (Registered Importer 90-007) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether 1995-2000 Mazda Xedos 9 passenger

cars are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicles which G&K believes are substantially similar are 1995–2000 Mazda Millenia passenger cars that were manufactured for importation into, and sale in, the United States and certified by their manufacturer as conforming to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The petitioner claims that it carefully compared 1995–2000 Mazda Xedos 9 passenger cars to 1995–2000 Mazda Millenia passenger cars, and found the vehicles to be substantially similar with respect to compliance with most Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

G&K submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that 1995–2000 Mazda Xedos 9 passenger cars, as originally manufactured, conform to many Federal motor vehicle safety standards in the same manner as 1995–2000 Mazda Millenia passenger cars, or are capable of being readily altered to conform to those standards.

Specifically, the petitioner claims that 1995–2000 Mazda Xedos 9 passenger cars are identical to 1995–2000 Mazda Millenia passenger cars with respect to compliance with Standard Nos. 102 *Transmission Shift Lever Sequence*, * * * 103 *Defrosting and Defogging Systems*, 104 *Windshield Wiping and Washing Systems*, 105 *Hydraulic Brake Systems*, 106 *Brake Hoses*, 109 *New Pneumatic Tires*, 113 *Hood Latch Systems*, 116 *Brake Fluid*, 118 *Power Window Systems*, 124 *Accelerator Control Systems*, 201 *Occupant Protection in Interior Impact* (petitioner states that the Millenia has not been certified by its manufacturer as conforming to the standard's upper interior head impact requirements), 202 *Head Restraints*, 203 *Impact Protection for the Driver from the Steering Control System*, 204 *Steering Control Rearward Displacement*, 205 *Glazing Materials*, 206 *Door Locks and Door Retention Components*, 207 *Seating Systems*, 209 *Seat Belt Assemblies*, 210 *Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages*, 212 *Windshield Retention*, 214 *Side Impact Protection*, 216 *Roof Crush Resistance*, 219 *Windshield Zone Intrusion*, 301 *Fuel System Integrity*, and 302 *Flammability of Interior Materials*.

Additionally, the petitioner states that 1995–2000 Mazda Xedos 9 passenger cars comply with the Bumper Standard found in 49 CFR Part 581.

Petitioner also contends that the vehicles are capable of being readily altered to meet the following standards, in the manner indicated:

Standard No. 101 *Controls and Displays*: (a) installation of a seat belt warning lamp that displays the required

seat belt symbol; (b) recalibration of the speedometer/odometer from kilometers to miles per hour; (c) replacement of the entire instrument cluster on most vehicles with an instrument cluster that displays the appropriate brake and other warning insignia in English.

Standard No. 108 *Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment*: installation of U.S.-model headlamp assemblies and front sidemarkers.

Standard No. 110 *Tire Selection and Rims*: (a) inspection of all vehicles and replacement of any tires that do not bear DOT markings or are not of the same size and shape as those on U.S.-certified models; (b) installation of a tire information placard.

Standard No. 111 *Rearview Mirror*: inspection of all vehicles and replacement of any passenger side rearview mirrors that do not bear the required warning statement.

Standard No. 114 *Theft Protection*: installation of a warning buzzer microswitch in the steering lock assembly and a warning buzzer.

Standard No. 208 *Occupant Crash Protection*: (a) installation of a seat belt warning buzzer; (b) inspection of all vehicles and replacement of any driver's and passenger's side air bags and knee bolsters with part numbers that differ from those installed on U.S. certified models. The petitioner states that the vehicles are equipped with Type 2 seat belts in the front and rear outboard designated seating positions, and with a Type 1 seat belt in the rear center designated seating position.

The petitioner states that the vehicles are equipped with anti-theft devices which exempt them from the parts marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard at 49 CFR Part 541. The petitioner states that all vehicles will be inspected prior to importation, and that all anti-theft devices with part numbers that differ from those on U.S. certified models will be replaced.

The petitioner also states that a VIN plate must be affixed to the vehicle so that it can be read from the left windshield pillar, and a VIN reference label must be affixed to the edge of the door or to the latch post nearest the driver, to meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 565.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments on the petition described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590. It is requested but not required that 10 copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be considered, and

will be available for examination in the docket at the above address both before and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

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.

Issued on: August 9, 2000.

Marilynne Jacobs,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Today, the Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury solicits comments on the Capital Distributions package.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before October 16, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Manager, Dissemination Branch, Information Management and Services Division, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, Attention 1550-0059. Hand deliver comments to the Guard's Desk, East Lobby Entrance, 1700 G Street, NW., from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on business days. Send facsimile transmissions to FAX Number (202) 906-7755, or (202) 906-6956 (if comments are over 25 pages). Send e-mails to "public.info@ots.treas.gov", and include your name and telephone number. Interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reference Room, 1700 G St. N.W., from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. OTS will post comments on the OTS Internet Site at <<http://www.OTS.treas.gov/>>.