

DATES: The Board of Directors of ITS AMERICA will meet on Thursday, January 11, 2001, from 2 p.m.–6 p.m. Room TBA.

ADDRESSES: Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, NW, Washington, DC 20008, Phone: 202–328–2000 Fax: 202–234–0015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Materials associated with this meeting may be examined at the offices of ITS AMERICA, 400 Virginia Avenue SW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20024. Persons needing further information or who request to speak at this meeting should contact Debbie M. Busch at ITS AMERICA by telephone at (202) 484–2904 or by FAX at (202) 484–3483. The DOT contact is Kristy Frizzell, FHWA, HOIT, Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 366–9536. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays.

(23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

Issued on: December 7, 2000.

Jeffrey Paniati,

Program Manager, ITS Joint Program Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration (MARAD)

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the information collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. Described below is the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection was published on September 22, 2000 [65 FR 57422]. Comments were due on or before November 21, 2000. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 11, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walter Lockland, Chief, Division of Operations Support, Office of Ship Operations, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 2123, Washington, DC 20590, telephone number 202–366–5735. Copies of this

collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Maritime Administration

Title of Collection: “Automated Mutual-Assistance Vessel Rescue System (AMVER)”.

OMB Control Number: 2133–0025.

Type of Request: Approval of an existing information collection.

Affected Public: U.S.-flag and U.S. citizen-owned vessels that are required to respond under current statute and regulation.

Form(s): CG–4796 (MA) (Rev. 8–88).

Abstract: This collection of information is used to gather information regarding the location of U.S.-flag vessels and certain other U.S. citizen-owned vessels for the purpose of Search and Rescue in the saving of lives at sea and for the marshalling of ships for National Defense and safety purposes. This collection consists of vessels that transmit the positions through various electronic means with the most commonly used AMVER/SEAS “compressed message” sent via INMARSAT–C. The information collected will be used to facilitate the immediate marshalling of ships for National Defense purposes and for the purpose of maintaining a current plot for Search and Rescue purposes for safety of life at sea.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 2,598 hours.

Addresses: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725–17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically, address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: December 6, 2000.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2000–8242]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision that Nonconforming 1994–2000 Honda VFR 400 and RVF 400 Motorcycles Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1994–2000 Honda VFR 400 and RVF 400 motorcycles are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 1994–2000 Honda VFR 400 and RVF 400 motorcycles 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.

DATES: The closing date for comments on the petition is January 11, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number and notice number, and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL–401, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 10 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**.

Northern California Diagnostic Laboratories, Inc. of Napa, California ("NCDL") (Registered Importer 92-011) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether non-U.S. certified 1994-2000 Honda VFR 400 and RVF 400 motorcycles are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicles which NCDL believes are substantially similar are 1994-2000 Honda CBR 600 motorcycles 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 1994-2000 Honda VFR 400 and RVF 400 motorcycles to 1994-2000 Honda CBR 600 motorcycles, and found the vehicles to be substantially similar with respect to compliance with most Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

NCDL submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that 1994-2000 Honda VFR 400 and RVF 400 motorcycles, as originally manufactured, conform to many Federal motor vehicle safety standards in the same manner as 1994-2000 Honda CBR 600 motorcycles, or are capable of being readily altered to conform to those standards.

Specifically, the petitioner claims that 1994-2000 Honda VFR 400 and RVF 400 motorcycles are identical to 1994-2000 Honda CBR 600 motorcycles with respect to compliance with Standard Nos. 106 *Brake Hoses*, 111 *Rearview Mirrors*, 116 *Brake Fluid*, 119 *New Pneumatic Tires for Vehicles other than Passenger Cars*, and 122 *Motorcycle Brake Systems*.

The petitioner also states that vehicle identification number plates that meet

the requirements of 49 CFR Part 565 are already affixed to 1994-2000 Honda VFR 400 and RVF 400 motorcycles.

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

Standard No. 108 *Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment*: (a) replacement of the headlamp system with a U.S.-model component; (b) installation of a red reflector on each side of vehicle at its rear end; (c) installation of an amber reflector on each side of the vehicle at its front end. The petitioner states that the vehicle is equipped with a tail lamp system, a stop lamp system, a license plate lamp, a red rear reflector, and turn signals that are in conformity with the standard.

Standard No. 120 *Tire Selection and Rims for Vehicles other than Passenger Cars*: installation of a tire information label.

Standard No. 123 *Motorcycle Controls and Displays*: installation of a U.S.-model speedometer. The petitioner states that all other controls and displays on the vehicle, including the supplemental engine stop control, conform to the standard.

Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, 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: December 5, 2000.

Marilynne Jacobs,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety, Compliance
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2000-8294]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 1998-2001 BMW R1200C Motorcycles Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1998-2001 BMW R1200C motorcycles are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 1998-2001 BMW R1200C motorcycles 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.

DATES: The closing date for comments on the petition is January 11, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number and notice number, and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. (Docket hours are from 10 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.