DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on a Proposed Change of Airport Property Land Use From Aeronautical To Non-Aeronautical Use at Russellville Regional Airport, Russellville, AR

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FAA is considering a request from the City of Russellville, Arkansas to change 39.14 acres, located on the northwest side of the airport bordering largely by East 16th Street and Airport Road, from aeronautical use to non-aeronautical use and to authorize the conversion of the airport property.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 13, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this document to Mr. Glenn Boles, Federal Aviation Administration, Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports District Office Manager, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177. Email: Glenn.A.Boles@faa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Keith Frazier, Director, Russellville Regional Airport, 1759 Airport Road, Russellville, AR, telephone (479) 967–1227. Email: kfrazier@rsvalar.org; or Mr. Glenn Boles, Federal Aviation Administration, Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports District Office Manager, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177, telephone (817) 222–5639. Email: Glenn.A.Boles@faa.gov.

Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at the above locations.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposal consists of 39.14 acres of airport property (Tract 1) which is part of 306.12 acres that was purchased with Federal Aid in 1958 under FAA Grant 9–03–010–5901.

The land requested to be released for continued non-aeronautical use is outside of the forecasted need for aviation development and is not needed for indirect or direct aeronautical use. The Airport will retain ownership of this land and ensure the protection of Part 77 surfaces and compatible land use. The income from the conversion of these parcels will benefit the aviation community by reinvestment in the airport.

Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the conversion of the subject airport property nor a determination of eligibility for grant-in-aid funding from the FAA. The disposition of proceeds from the conversion of the airport property will be in accordance with FAA’s Policy and Procedures Concerning the Use of Airport Revenue, published in the Federal Register on February 16, 1999. In accordance with section 47107(h) of Title 49, United States Code, this notice is required to be published in the Federal Register 30 days before modifying the land-use assurance that requires the property to be used for an aeronautical purpose.

Issued in Fort Worth, TX.

Ignacio Flores, Director, Airports Division, FAA, Southwest Region.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimberly Noonan, NAC Coordinator, U.S. Department of Transportation, at Kimberly.Noonan@faa.gov or 202–267–3760. Any requests or questions not regarding attendance registration should be sent to the person listed in this section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Secretary of Transportation established the NAC under agency authority in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, Public Law 92–463, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, to provide independent advice and recommendations to the FAA, and to respond to specific taskings received directly from the FAA. The NAC recommends consensus-driven advice for FAA consideration relating to Air Traffic Management System modernization.

II. Agenda

At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:

- NAC Chairman’s Report
- FAA Report
- NAC Chairman Closing Comments

The detailed agenda will be posted on the NAC internet website at least one week in advance of the meeting.

III. Public Participation

This virtual meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend are asked to register via email by submitting their full legal name, country of citizenship, contact information (telephone number and email address), and name of your industry association or applicable affiliation. Please email this information to the email address listed in the ADDRESSES section. When registration is confirmed, registrants will be provided the virtual meeting information/teleconference call-in number and passcode. Callers are responsible for paying associated long-distance charges (if any).

Note: Only NAC Members, and NAC working groups and FAA staff who are providing briefings will have the ability to speak. All other attendees will be able to listen only.

The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, please contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.
The FAA is not accepting oral presentations at this meeting due to time constraints. Written statements submitted by the deadline will be provided to the NAC members before the meeting. Any member of the public may submit a written statement to the committee at any time.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 8 day of April 2022.
Kimberly Noonan,
Manager, Stakeholder and Collaboration Division (A), NextGen Office of Collaboration and Messaging, ANG–M, Office of the Assistant Administrator for NextGen, Federal Aviation Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2019–0015; Notice 2]

Arai Helmet, Inc., Grant of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

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

ACTION: Grant of petition.

SUMMARY: Arai Helmet, Inc. (Arai), has determined that certain Arai Corsair X Mamola Edge motorcycle helmets, do not comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 218, Motorcycle Helmets. Arai filed a noncompliance report dated March 6, 2019, and later amended it on March 28, 2019. Arai subsequently petitioned NHTSA on March 28, 2019, and later amended its petition on July 9, 2020, for an exemption from the notification and remedy requirement of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 on the basis that this noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h) and 49 CFR part 556, Exemption for Inconsequential Defect or Noncompliance.

Notice of receipt of Arai’s petition was published with a 30-day public comment period on September 12, 2019, in the Federal Register (84 FR 48211). One comment was received. To view the petition, all supporting documents, and the comment received from the public, log onto the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website at https://www.regulations.gov/. Then follow the online search instructions to locate docket number “NHTSA–2019–0015.”

II. Equipment Involved

Approximately 24 Arai Corsair X Mamola Edge helmets, size small, manufactured between June 29, 2018, and January 31, 2019, are potentially involved.

III. Noncompliance

Arai explains that the noncompliance is that the discrete size label may not be permanently attached as required by S5.6.1(b) of FMVSS No. 218.

IV. Rule Requirements

Paragraph S5.6.1(b) of FMVSS No. 218, provides the requirements relevant to this petition. Each helmet must be labeled permanently and legibly, in a manner such that the label can be read easily without removing padding or any other permanent part, with “discrete size.”

V. Summary of Arai’s Petition

The following views and arguments presented in this section, “V. Summary of Arai’s Petition,” are the views and arguments provided by Arai and do not reflect the views of the agency. Arai describes the subject noncompliance and contends that the noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety.

In support of its petition, Arai submits the following reasoning:

1. Arai states that the subject motorcycle helmets comply with all the performance requirements under FMVSS No. 218 and all labeling requirements of FMVSS No. 218, except that the discrete size label does not appear to be permanent as required by paragraph S5.6.1(b). Arai cites FMVSS No. 218, which says the discrete size means “a numerical value that corresponds to the diameter of an equivalent circle representing the helmet interior in inches (±0.25 inch) or to the circumference of the equivalent circle in centimeters (±0.64 centimeters).”

2. Arai believes NHTSA’s reason for requiring the helmet’s discrete size is primarily to determine the appropriate headform for conducting the performance testing of paragraph S6.1 of FMVSS No. 218. In promulgating the discrete size label, Arai cites the agency as saying that it added the discrete size requirement to the standard to “eliminate enforcement problems.” See 73 FR 57297, 57304 (October 2, 2008).

Arai says that the agency had previously permitted generic head sizes on helmet labels, however, they lacked the precision the agency desired for enforcing the helmet standard, raising potential problems with the objective requirements of 49 U.S.C. 30111(a). Arai says that NHTSA explained its reasoning in the rulemaking for specifying the discrete size and cited the following:

a. The reason for this is to eliminate enforcement problems that arise when helmets are labeled only with a generic size specification (e.g., Small, Medium, or Large).

b. Enforceability problems can arise because while S6.1 specifies which headform is used to test helmets with a particular “designated discrete size or size range,” a helmet’s generic size may not correspond to the same size ranges that the agency uses to determine which headform to use for testing.

3. Arai states that in the final rule, NHTSA further elaborated that defining the discrete size “would have two benefits.” First, it would provide certainty as to the headform on which the helmet would be tested by NHTSA, thereby, improving the enforceability of the standard. Second, it would provide more precise information to customers. Arai further notes that the requirement would in no way preclude manufacturers from specifying a generic size in addition to the discrete size on the size label.

4. Arai believes that the primary reason for requiring the discrete size is related to enforceability of the performance tests and that a label that is present on the helmet at the time of NHTSA’s testing, but that may not be permanently attached to the helmet does not expose the user of the noncompliant helmet to a “significantly greater risk” than to a user of a compliant helmet.