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J.K. Technologies LLC of Baltimore, Maryland ("J.K.") (Registered Importer 90-006) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether all nonconforming 1992-1994 Mercedes-Benz SE and SEL passenger car models are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicles which J.K. believes are substantially similar are all 1992-1994 Mercedes-Benz SE and SEL passenger car models 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 non-U.S. certified 1992-1994 Mercedes-Benz SE and SEL passenger car models to their U.S.-certified counterparts, and found the vehicles to be substantially similar with respect to compliance with most Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

J.K. submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that non-U.S. certified 1992-1994 Mercedes-Benz SE and SEL passenger car models, as originally manufactured, conform to many Federal motor vehicle safety standards in the same manner as their U.S. certified counterparts, or are capable of being readily altered to conform to those standards.

Specifically, the petitioner claims that non-U.S. certified 1992-1994 Mercedes-Benz SE and SEL passenger car models are identical to their U.S. certified counterparts 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*, 124 *Accelerator Control Systems*, 201 *Occupant Protection in Interior Impact*, 202 *Head Restraints*, 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*, 216 *Roof Crush Resistance*, 219 *Windshield Zone Intrusion*, 301 *Fuel System Integrity*, and 302 *Flammability of Interior Materials*.

Additionally, the petitioner states that non-U.S. certified 1992-1994 Mercedes-Benz SE and SEL passenger car models 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) substitution of a lens marked "Brake" for a lens with a noncomplying symbol on the brake failure indicator lamp; (b) replacement of the speedometer with one calibrated in miles per hour.

Standard No. 108 *Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment*: (a) installation of U.S.-model headlamps and front sidemarker lamps; (b) installation of U.S.-model taillamp assemblies which incorporate rear sidemarker lights; (c) installation of a U.S.-model high mounted stop lamp.

Standard No. 110 *Tire Selection and Rims*: installation of a tire information placard.

Standard No. 111 *Rearview Mirror*: replacement of the passenger side rearview mirror with a U.S.-model component.

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

Standard No. 118 *Power Window Systems*: installation of a relay in the power window system so that the window transport is inoperative when the ignition is switched off.

Standard No. 208 *Occupant Crash Protection*: (a) installation of a safety belt warning buzzer, wired to the driver's seat belt latch; (b) replacement of the driver's and passenger's side air bags, control units, sensors, seat belts and knee bolsters with U.S.-model components on vehicles that are not already so equipped. The petitioner states that the vehicles are equipped at the front and rear outboard seating positions with combination lap and shoulder belts that are self tensioning and capable of being released by means of a single red push-button, and with a lap belt in the rear center designated seating position.

Standard No. 214 *Side Impact Protection*: installation of U.S.-model

doorbars in vehicles that are not already so equipped.

The petitioner also states that a vehicle identification plate must be affixed to the vehicle near the left windshield post and a reference and certification label must be affixed in the area of the left front door post 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. [Docket hours are from 9 am to 5 pm]. 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: May 3, 2000.

Marilynne Jacobs,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Docket No. NHTSA-2000-7225

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 1995-1998 Mercedes-Benz S Class Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1995-1998 Mercedes-Benz S Class passenger cars are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 1995-1998 Mercedes-Benz S Class 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.

DATES: The closing date for comments on the petition is June 8, 2000.

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 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.

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U.S.-model center high mounted stop lamp assembly.

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Issued on: May 3, 2000.

Marilynne Jacobs,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-00-7283; Notice No. 00-03]

Hazardous Materials Safety: Meeting for UN Packaging Certification Agencies

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: RSPA is hosting a meeting for its designated UN packaging certification agencies. This meeting provides an opportunity to discuss testing and certification requirements for UN packagings and to disseminate information regarding recent regulatory developments. This meeting is being held in conjunction with an RSPA-sponsored Hazardous Materials Multimodal Training Seminar on June 13 and 14, 2000.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2000, from 9 am. to 4:30 pm; however, the meeting may end prior to 4:30 pm, depending upon public interest.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Indian Lakes Resort, 250 W. Schick Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108 (630-529-0200). For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact Diane LaValle at the address or phone number listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** as soon as possible.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Whitney, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals, phone (202) 366-4512 or Diane LaValle, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards, phone (202) 366-8553, RSPA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 14, 2000, RSPA's Office of Hazardous Materials Safety ("we") will host a meeting for designated UN packaging certification agencies (*i.e.*, third party labs). This meeting will provide an opportunity for us to exchange

information with third party labs concerning testing and certification requirements for UN packagings. We will also provide an update on the latest regulatory developments.

The meeting will be held in the Chicago, Illinois, area, in conjunction with a two-day multi-modal hazardous materials seminar on June 13 and 14. Because of space limitations, attendance at the third party lab meeting will be on a "first come-first served" basis. To confirm attendance, please call Christine Whitney or Diane LaValle at the phone numbers listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Third party labs do not need to confirm attendance. Persons interested in participating in this public meeting need not be registered for the Hazardous Materials Multimodal Training Seminar.

This is an informal meeting intended to produce a dialogue between us and the third party labs concerning performance-oriented package testing and certification. There will be no transcript of the meeting; however, we will prepare minutes of the meeting and written questions and answers developed in response to issues raised. This information will be made available on the HazMat Safety Website (<http://hazmat.dot.gov>).

Issued in Washington, DC on May 4, 2000.

Robert A. McGuire,

Acting Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1041-T

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 1041-T, Allocation of Estimated Tax Payments to Beneficiaries.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 10, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Allocation of Estimated Tax Payments to Beneficiaries.

OMB Number: 1545-1020.

Form Number: 1041-T.

Abstract: This form allows a trustee of a trust or an executor of an estate to make an election under Internal Revenue Code section 643(g) to allocate any payment of estimated tax to a beneficiary(ies). The IRS uses the information on the form to determine the correct amounts that are to be transferred from the fiduciary's account to the individual's account.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour, 1 minute.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,010.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;