

Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Morris Leasing Company, Ltd.

[Docket Number FRA-2001-9999]

The Morris Leasing Co., Ltd. of White Pigeon, Michigan has petitioned for a waiver of compliance for two locomotives from the requirements of the Safety Glazing Standards, 49 CFR part 223, which requires certified glazing in all windows and, additionally, a waiver of compliance for one locomotive from the requirements of the Railroad Safety Appliance Safety Standards, 49 CFR part 231, which requires all locomotives built prior to April 1, 1977, be equipped with four switching steps.

The two locomotives are used for hauling cars for unloading limestone. The locomotives do not cross any public highways, highway grade crossings, or public streets.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number 2001-9999) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2001-10900]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 1998 Chrysler Grand Voyager Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1998 Chrysler Grand Voyager multipurpose passenger vehicles 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 Chrysler Grand Voyager multipurpose passenger vehicles 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 December 19, 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 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**.

Wallace Environmental Testing Laboratories, Inc. of Houston, Texas ("WETL") (Registered Importer 90-005) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether 1998 Chrysler Grand Voyager multipurpose passenger vehicles, originally manufactured for sale in European markets, are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicles which WETL believes are substantially similar are 1998 Chrysler Grand Voyager multipurpose passenger vehicles 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 1998 Chrysler Grand Voyager multipurpose passenger vehicles 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.

WETL submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that non-U.S. certified 1998 Chrysler Grand Voyager multipurpose passenger vehicles, 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 1998 Chrysler Grand Voyager multipurpose passenger vehicles 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 and Electric Brake Systems*, 106 *Brake Hoses*, 109 *New Pneumatic Tires*, 113 *Hood Latch Systems*, 114 *Theft Protection*, 116 *Motor Vehicle Brake Fluids*, 118 *Power Window Systems*, 124 *Accelerator Control Systems*, 201 *Occupant Protection in Interior Impact*, 202 *Head Restraints*, 203 *Impact Protection for the Driver from the Steering Control Panel*, 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 non-U.S. certified 1998 Chrysler Grand Voyager multipurpose passenger vehicles comply with the Vehicle Identification Number plate requirement of 49 CFR part 565 and the Bumper Standard found in 49 CFR part 581. Petitioner also states that the non-U.S. certified 1998 Chrysler Grand Voyager multipurpose passenger vehicles are not covered by the Theft Prevention Standard of 49 CFR part 541.

Petitioner further 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*: Add brake warning indicator label, if necessary.

Standard No. 108 *Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment*: Installation of headlight and taillight assemblies with sidemarker lights.

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

Standard No. 111 *Rearview Mirror*: Etch required warning on passenger side mirror glass.

Standard No. 208 *Occupant Crash Protection*: Installation of audible safety belt warning system for the driver side and, if necessary, replacement of air bag systems and knee bolsters with U.S. versions.

The petitioner also states that a certification label must be affixed to the driver's side door jamb to meet the requirements of 49 CFR part 567.

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: November 14, 2001.

Marilynne Jacobs,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. I) notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC), to be held at 9 AM on Wednesday, December 5, 2001, at the Sheraton West Palm Beach Hotel, 630 Clearwater Park Road, West Palm Beach, Florida. The agenda for this meeting will be as follows: Opening Remarks; Consideration of Minutes of Past Meeting; Review of Programs; New Business; and Closing Remarks.

Attendance at meeting is open to the interested public but limited to the space available. With the approval of the Administrator, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing further information should contact not later than November 30, 2001, Marc C. Owen, Advisory Board Liaison, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; 202-366-6823.

Any member of the public may present a written statement to the Advisory Board at any time.

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Marc C. Owen,
Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34112]

Cape May Seashore Lines, Inc.— Modified Rail Certificate

On October 22, 2001, Cape May Seashore Lines, Inc. (CMSL), a noncarrier, filed an application¹ for a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity under 49 CFR 1150, subpart C, *Modified Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity*, to operate approximately 28.94 miles of rail line on the Cape May Branch between milepost 51.87 at Tuckahoe, NJ, and milepost 80.0 at Cape May City, NJ, and on the Cape May Point Branch between milepost 0.0 at Cape May City and milepost 2.6 at Cape May Point. Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) owned and operated the line until September 15, 1978, when it was sold to the Commuter Operating Agency of the New Jersey Department of Transportation pursuant to sections 206(c)(1)(D) and 206(d)(5)(C) of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, as amended, 45 U.S.C. 701 *et seq.* It is CMSL's understanding that Conrail continued to provide freight service over the line until June 10, 1983, when Conrail obtained authority from the former Interstate Commerce Commission to terminate operations over the line.²

CMSL also states that after Conrail terminated its operations, The Shore Fast Line, Inc.,³ a Class III short line railroad, provided freight service on the line. This carrier was subsequently replaced by the Southern Railroad of New Jersey.

On May 21, 1999, CMSL entered into a long term lease agreement with the New Jersey Transit Authority (NJTA), successor to the New Jersey DOT's Commuter Operating Agency, to provide excursion passenger service on the line. This agreement was modified on May 22, 2001, to give CMSL the sole and exclusive right to operate both excursion passenger and common carrier freight service. The initial term

¹ CMSL concurrently filed redacted and unredacted versions of its application, along with a request for a protective order. A protective order limiting access to and use of applicant's confidential information contained in its unredacted filing was served on November 2, 2001.

² See *Conrail Abandonment in Cape May County, NJ*, Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 478) (ICC served July 1, 1983).

³ See generally, *Better Materials Corporation and J.C. McHugh-Control Exemption-The Shore Fast Line, Inc., and The Shore Fast Line, Inc.-Operation and Commodities Clause Exemption*, Finance Docket No. 30156 *et al.*, (ICC served May 3, 1983).