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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

You are invited to comment on the proposed TSO identified in this notice by submitting written data, views, or arguments to the address listed above. Your comments should identify "Comments to proposed TSO-C157". You may examine all comments revised on the proposed TSO before and after the comment closing date at the Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Director of the Aircraft Certification Service will consider all communications received on or before the closing date before issuing the final TSO.

Background

This TSO's standards apply to equipment intended to display weather and National Airspace System (NAS) status information. FIS-B equipment is intended to promote pilot awareness of reported weather and NAS status. The operational goal of FIS-B equipment is to enhance pilot decision-making during strategic flight planning. We consider FIS-B products to be advisory information only. As such, FIS-B is non-binding advice and information provided to help pilots fly safely. The standards of this TSO do not cover integration with other avionics and airborne applications, such as integration of FIS-B displays with displays of terrain, aircraft traffic information, moving maps, and flight plan overlays.

How To Obtain Copies

You may get a copy of the proposed TSO from the Internet at: <http://av-info.faa.gov/tso/Tsopro/Proposed.htm>. You may also request a copy from Mr. Kevin Bridges. See the section entitled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** for the complete address.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-2004-17997]

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

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

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: This notice solicits public comments on continuation of the requirements for the collection of information on safety standards. Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections.

This document describes a collection of labeling information on five Federal motor vehicle safety standards, for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval. The labeling requirements include brake fluid warning, glazing labeling, safety belt labeling, and vehicle certification labeling.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 30, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket notice number cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. It is requested, but not required, that 2 copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Complete copies of each request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Ms. Lori Summers, NHTSA 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5320, NVS-112, Washington, DC 20590.

Ms. Summers' telephone number is (202) 366-4917. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to this Docket Number (Docket Number NHTSA-04-17997).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before a proposed collection of information is submitted to OMB for approval, Federal agencies must first

publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collection of information:

Title: Consolidated Labeling Requirements for Motor Vehicles (Except the VIN).

OMB Control Number: 2127-0512.

Form Number: This collection of information uses no standard form.

Requested Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from the approval date.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Summary of the Collection of Information: 49 U.S.C. 30111 authorizes the issuance of Federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSS) and regulations. The agency, in prescribing a FMVSS or regulation, considers available relevant motor vehicle safety data, and consults with other agencies, as it deems appropriate. Further, the statute mandates that in issuing any FMVSS or regulation, the agency considers whether the standard or regulation is "reasonable, practicable and appropriate for the particular type of motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment for which it is prescribed," and whether such a standard will contribute to carrying out the purpose of the Act. The Secretary is authorized to invoke such rules and regulations as deemed necessary to carry out these requirements. Using this

authority, the agency issued the following FMVSS and regulations, specifying labeling requirements to aid the agency in achieving many of its safety goals:

FMVSS No. 105, "Hydraulic and electric brake systems,"

FMVSS No. 135, "Passenger car brake systems,"

FMVSS No. 205, "Glazing materials,"

FMVSS No. 209, "Seat belt assemblies,"

Part 567, "Certification."

This notice requests comments on the labeling requirements of these FMVSS and regulations.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information: In order to ensure that manufacturers are complying with the FMVSS and regulations, NHTSA requires a number of specific labeling requirements in FMVSS Nos. 105, 135, 205, and 209 and Part 567.

FMVSS No. 105, "Hydraulic and electric brake systems" and FMVSS No. 135, "Passenger car brake systems," require that each vehicle shall have a brake fluid warning statement in letters at least one-eighth of an inch high on the master cylinder reservoirs and located so as to be visible by direct view.

FMVSS No. 205, "Glazing materials," requires that manufacturers mark their automotive glazing with certain label information including:

Manufacturer's distinctive trademark;
Manufacturer's "DOT" code number;
Model of glazing (there are currently 21 items of glazing ranging from plastic windows to bullet resistant windshields).

In addition to these requirements, which apply to all glazing, certain specialty items such as standee windows in buses, roof openings, and interior partitions made of plastic require that the manufacturer affix a removable label to each item. The label specifies cleaning instructions, which will minimize the loss of transparency. Other information may be provided by the manufacturer but is not required.

FMVSS No. 209, "Seat belt assemblies," requires safety belts to be labeled with the year of manufacture, the model, and the name or trademark of the manufacturer (S4.1(j)).

Additionally, replacement safety belts that are for use only in specifically stated motor vehicles must have labels or accompanying instruction sheets to specify the applicable vehicle models and seating positions (S4.1(k)). All other replacement belts are required to be accompanied by an installation instruction sheet (S4.1(k)).

Seat belt assemblies installed as original equipment in new motor

vehicles need not be required to be labeled with position/model information. This information is only useful if the assembly is removed with the intention of using the assembly as a replacement in another vehicle; this is not a common practice.

Part 567, "Certification," responds to 49 U.S.C. 30111 that requires each manufacturer or distributor of motor vehicles to furnish to the dealer or distributor of the vehicle a certification that the vehicle meets all applicable FMVSS. This certification is required by that provision to be in the form of a label permanently affixed to the vehicle. Under 49 U.S.C. 32504, vehicle manufacturers are directed to make a similar certification with regard to bumper standards. To implement this requirement, NHTSA issued 49 CFR part 567. The agency's regulations establish form and content requirements for the certification labels.

Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)

These labels are placed on each master cylinder reservoir, each piece of motor vehicle glazing, each safety belt and every motor vehicle intended for retail sale in the United States.

Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Record Keeping Burden Resulting From the Collection of Information

NHTSA estimates that all manufacturers will need a total of 73,071 hours to comply with these requirements, at a total annual cost of 1,096,065.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c); delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2004-18185]

Initial Decision That ASTEX HID Conversion Kits Fail To Comply With Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 108; Public Proceeding Scheduled

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NHTSA will hold a public meeting regarding its Initial Decision that ASTEX USA high intensity discharge (HID) motor vehicle light sources sold in kits as replacements for non-HID light sources do not comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 108, Lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment.

DATES: The public meeting will be held beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 2, 2004, in Room 6200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer T. Timian, Office of Chief Counsel, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-5263. NHTSA's Initial Decision, and the information on which it is based, is available at NHTSA's Technical Information Services, Room PL-403, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; Telephone: 202-366-2588. When visiting Technical Information Services or contacting it via the telephone, refer to Investigation File CI-108-010831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(a) and 49 CFR 554.10, NHTSA's Associate Administrator for Enforcement has made an Initial Decision that ASTEX USA (ASTEX) high intensity discharge (HID) light sources including ballasts, which have been manufactured and sold by Mark Lee d/b/a ASTEX as replacements for non-HID light sources, fail to comply with FMVSS No. 108, Lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment, 49 CFR 571.108.

A. Requirements of FMVSS No. 108

FMVSS No. 108 regulates new motor vehicles and replacement lighting equipment. To accomplish this purpose, the standard sets forth requirements that, among other things, ensure adequate illumination of the roadway, enhance the conspicuity of motor vehicles on the public roads, and limit glare.

The requirements for headlighting systems are set forth in S7 of FMVSS No. 108. For replaceable bulb headlamps, a new motor vehicle must have a two or four-headlamp system that provides two upper beams and two lower beams. Among other things, the headlamps must provide light, within a specified range of intensity in certain areas, and not provide light above specified levels in other areas. The intensity requirements are specified in one of a number of photometry tables within FMVSS No. 108, depending on the light source type and number of headlamps in the system. Each