

did not describe these modifications, for which G&K claimed confidentiality.

NHTSA's Analysis

The modifications identified as needed to conform the vehicles to the standard would not preclude the vehicle from being deemed eligible for importation. Conformity packages submitted for vehicles imported under the decision must demonstrate that the vehicle is equipped with components that allow it to achieve compliance with the standard. Any modification or replacement of components necessary to meet the requirements of the standard must be shown to bring the vehicle into compliance. Such proof must be submitted by an RI as part of any conformity package submitted for nonconforming 2002 through 2004 Smart Car Fortwo Coupe and Cabriolet passenger cars.

(17) FMVSS No. 302 Flammability of Interior Materials

JK petition: The vehicles conform to the standard as originally manufactured.

Alterations identified in G&K petition: Interior materials and components covered by the standard must be treated with a product available only from G&K. G&K claimed confidentiality with respect to these modifications.

NHTSA's Analysis

The modifications that G&K identified as needed to conform the vehicles to the standard would not preclude the vehicles from being deemed eligible for importation. Conformity packages submitted for vehicles imported under the decision must demonstrate that the vehicle is equipped with components that allow it to achieve compliance with the standard. Any modification or replacement of components necessary to meet the requirements of the standard must be shown to bring the vehicle into compliance. Such proof must be submitted by an RI as part of any conformity package submitted for nonconforming 2002 through 2004 Smart Car Fortwo Coupe and Cabriolet passenger cars.

(10) 49 CFR Part 581 Bumper Standard

Alterations identified in JK petition: Modification of the bumper system to comply with the Bumper Standard found in 49 CFR part 581. The petition did not describe the modifications.

Alterations identified in G&K petition: Modification of the bumper system through installation of components available only from G&K. The petition did not describe the modifications.

NHTSA's Analysis

The modifications that G&K identified as needed to conform the vehicles to the standard would not preclude the vehicles from being deemed eligible for importation. The agency notes that Bumper Standard compliance issues are not directly relevant to an import eligibility decision, as such a decision is to be based on the capability of a non-U.S. certified vehicle to be altered to conform to the FMVSS, and the Bumper Standard is not an FMVSS. However, because a vehicle that is not originally manufactured to comply with the Bumper Standard must be modified to comply with the standard before it can be admitted permanently into the United States, conformance with the Bumper Standard must be shown in the conformity package submitted to NHTSA to allow release of the DOT conformance bond furnished at the time of vehicle importation.

Conclusion

In view of the above considerations, NHTSA decided to grant the petitions.

Vehicle Eligibility Number for Subject Vehicles

The importer of a vehicle admissible under any final decision must indicate on the form HS-7 accompanying entry the appropriate vehicle eligibility number indicating that the vehicle is eligible for entry. VCP-27 is the vehicle eligibility number assigned to nonconforming 2002 through 2004 Smart Car Fortwo Coupe and Cabriolet (including trim levels Passion, Pulse and Pure) passenger cars admissible under this notice of final decision.

Final Decision

Accordingly, on the basis of the foregoing, NHTSA decided that 2002 through 2004 Smart Car Fortwo Coupe and Cabriolet (including trim levels Passion, Pulse and Pure) 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 they have safety features that comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Notice and Request for Comments

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* (PRA), gives notice that the Board will seek from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) an extension of approval for the currently approved collection of rail system diagram maps. The Board is seeking comments from rail carriers that have recently filed amended or new system diagram maps (or, in the case of small carriers, the alternative narrative description of rail system) concerning (1) whether the particular collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Board's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology when appropriate. Submitted comments will be summarized and included in the Board's request for OMB approval.

Description of Collection

Title: System Diagram Maps.

OMB Control Number: 2140-0003.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Respondents: Common carrier freight railroads that are either new or reporting changes in the status of one or more of their rail lines.

Number of Respondents: 4.

Estimated Time per Response: 4.5 hours, based on average time reported in informal survey of respondents conducted in 2003.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 18 hours.

Total Annual "Non-Hour Burden"

Cost: None have been identified.

Needs and Uses: Under 49 CFR 1152.10-1152.13, all railroads subject to the Board's jurisdiction are required to keep current system diagram maps on file, or alternatively in the case of a Class III carrier (a carrier with assets of not more than \$20 million in 1991 dollars), to submit the same information in narrative form. The information

sought in this collection identifies all lines in a particular railroad's system, categorized to indicate the likelihood that service on a particular line will be abandoned and/or whether service on a line is currently provided under the financial assistance provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10904. Carriers are obligated to amend these maps as the need to change the category of any particular line arises. The Board uses this information to facilitate informed decision making, and this information, which is available to the public from the carrier by request, 49 CFR 1152.12(c)(3), may serve as notice to the shipping public of the carrier's intent to abandon or retain a line.

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should

submit comments by September 19, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Marilyn Levitt, Surface Transportation Board, Room 614, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423 or *levittm@stb.dot.gov* or by fax at (202) 565-9001. When submitting comments, refer to the OMB number and title of the information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara G. Saddler, (202) 565-1656. Requests for a copy of the regulations pertaining to this information collection may be obtained by contacting Barbara G. Saddler at (202) 565-1656 or *saddlerb@stb.dot.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA, a Federal agency conducting or sponsoring a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB

control number. Collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, Federal agencies are required to provide a 60-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval.

Dated: July 21, 2006.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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