

goal areas that are not described within this RFI? If yes, please describe them, the value of the research, and the reason for federal government involvement as opposed to private sector or academia.

d. In your opinion, if the objectives of the goal areas are met, will technology transfer within these goal areas create dynamic and sustainable markets? If yes, please identify the opportunities and risks.

e. Are there opportunities to partner that are currently not being pursued by the ITS Program? If yes, please describe the opportunity and how risk/reward would be shared. What barriers must be overcome in order for the research program to be deployed in the future?

f. Given limitations on funding, which research goals and objectives are the most important to pursue? Please explain your basis.

g. What are any remaining concerns?
(2) *Additional Information:*

Respondents are also encouraged to provide any additional information that describe alternative concepts, technologies, or research areas that would benefit the establishment of the next multi-year strategic agenda for the ITS Program. In particular, the ITS JPO is interested in descriptions of future technologies and systems that will build from and continue to provide transformational change to the transportation system, but that in current form, are still highly exploratory in nature.

Please note that this is NOT a solicitation for proposals, quotes, or bids. Unsolicited proposals will not be addressed by DOT staff who review the submissions to this RFI. Those parties who are interested in such matters are encouraged to consult "A Guide to Federal Highway Administration Policies and Procedures for Submitting Unsolicited Proposals", available at the following URL: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/AAA/gtup.htm>. Also, please do not include any proprietary information in your response.

Please also note that the docket is open to the public to view the responses and any personally identifiable information will be noted. We are happy to accept responses with names associated with them, as well as those submitted anonymously.

Finally, the ITS JPO acknowledges the short duration for providing responses to this RFI and requests responses within 30 days of the issuing of this RFI.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 10, 2009.

Shelley J. Row,

Program Director, ITS Joint Program Office, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Correction; Announcement of Withdrawal

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration.

ACTION: Correction; Announcement of Withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published an announcement in the **Federal Register** on October 24, 2008, requesting review of a proposed amendment to the Noise Compatibility Program (NCP) submitted for Gulfport Biloxi International Airport, Gulfport MS. The proposed amendment to the Noise Compatibility Program was to be approved or disapproved on or before April 16, 2009. Public comments were to be submitted by December 16, 2008 to the address below. No amendment to NCP was received therefore, neither FAA review or public comment will be required. This Notice was published in error and is being withdrawn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Morgan, Federal Aviation Administration, Jackson Airports District Office, 100 West Cross Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, 601 664-9891.

Issued in Jackson, Mississippi on April 13, 2009.

Rans Black,

Manager, Jackson Airports District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2009-0067]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 2008 Harley Davidson FX, FL, XL and VR Series Motorcycles Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 2008

Harley Davidson FX, FL, XL and VR Series Motorcycles are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 2008 Harley Davidson FX, FL, XL and VR Series Motorcycles that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSS) are eligible for importation into the United States because (1) they are substantially similar to vehicles that were originally manufactured for 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 May 20, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket and notice numbers above and be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

Instructions: Comments must be written in the English language, and be no greater than 15 pages in length, although there is no limit to the length of necessary attachments to the comments. If comments are submitted in hard copy form, please ensure that two copies are provided. If you wish to receive confirmation that your comments were received, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard with the comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register**

published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78).

How to Read Comments submitted to the Docket: You may read the comments received by Docket Management at the address and times given above. You may also view the documents from the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets. The docket ID number and title of this notice are shown at the heading of this document notice. Please note that even after the comment closing date, we will continue to file relevant information in the Docket as it becomes available. Further, some people may submit late comments. Accordingly, we recommend that you periodically search the Docket for new material.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Coleman Sachs, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202–366–3151).

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 FMVSS 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 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 FMVSS.

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. (WETL) of Houston, TX (Registered Importer 90–005) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether non-U.S. certified 2008 Harley Davidson FX, FL, XL and VR series motorcycles are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicles that WETL believes are substantially similar are 2008 Harley Davidson FX, FL, XL and VR series motorcycles that were manufactured for sale in the United

States and certified by their manufacturer as conforming to all applicable FMVSS.

The petitioner claims that it carefully compared non-U.S. certified 2008 Harley Davidson FX, FL, XL and VR series motorcycles to their U.S. certified counterparts, and found the vehicles to be substantially similar with respect to compliance with most FMVSS.

WETL submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that non-U.S. certified 2008 Harley Davidson FX, FL, XL and VR series motorcycles, as originally manufactured, conform to many FMVSS 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 2008 Harley Davidson FX, FL, XL and VR series motorcycles are identical to their U.S. certified counterparts with respect to compliance with Standard Nos. 106 *Brake Hoses*, 111 *Rearview Mirrors*, 116 *Brake Fluid*, 119 *New Pneumatic Tires for Vehicles other than Passenger Cars*, and 122 *Motorcycle Brake Systems*.

The petitioner further contends that the vehicles are capable of being readily altered to meet the following standards, in the manner indicated below:

Standard No. 108 *Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment:* Installation of the following U.S.-certified components on vehicles not already so equipped: (a) Headlamp; (b) front and rear side-mounted reflex reflectors; (c) rear-mounted reflex reflector; (d) rear turn signal lamps; (e) stoplamp; (f) taillamp; and (g) license plate lamp.

Standard No. 120 *Tire Selection and Rims for Vehicles Other Than Passenger Cars:* Installation of a tire information placard.

Standard No. 123 *Motorcycle Controls and Displays:* Installation of a U.S.-model speedometer/odometer unit to meet the requirements of this standard.

Standard No. 205 *Glazing Materials:* Inspection of all vehicles, and removal of noncompliant glazing or replacement of the glazing with U.S.-certified components on vehicles that are not already so equipped.

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 addresses 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: April 14, 2009.

Claude H. Harris,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Petition for Exemption From the Federal Motor Vehicle Motor Theft Prevention Standard; Porsche

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

ACTION: Grant of petition for exemption.

SUMMARY: This document grants in full the petition of Porsche Cars North America, Inc. (Porsche) for an exemption in accordance with § 543.9(c)(2) of 49 CFR Part 543, *Exemption from the Theft Prevention Standard*, for the Porsche Panamera vehicle line beginning with model year (MY) 2010. This petition is granted because the agency has determined that the antitheft device to be placed on the line as standard equipment is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard.

DATES: The exemption granted by this notice is effective beginning with model year (MY) 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Deborah Mazyck, Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy and Consumer Standards, NHTSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Mazyck's phone number is (202) 366–0846. Her fax number is (202) 493–2290.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a petition dated February 17, 2009, Porsche requested an exemption from the parts-marking requirements of the theft prevention standard (49 CFR Part 541) for the Porsche Panamera vehicle line beginning with MY 2010. The petition requested an exemption from parts-marking pursuant to 49 CFR 543, *Exemption from Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard*, based on the installation of an antitheft device as standard equipment for the entire vehicle line.

Under § 543.5(a), a manufacturer may petition NHTSA to grant an exemption