

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No. FAA-2019-0819]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a New Approval of Information Collection: National Sleep Study****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for a new information collection. The collection involves study on relationships between aircraft noise events and the probability of awakening.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by April 23, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2019-0819 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493-2251.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sean Doyle by email at: [sean.doyle@faa.gov](mailto:sean.doyle@faa.gov); phone: 202-267-3493.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-XXXX.

*Title:* National Sleep Study.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Type of Review:* Clearance of a new information collection.

*Background:* As part of FAA's broader noise research program, the National Sleep Study has been designed to collect nationally representative information on the effects of aircraft noise on sleep and to derive exposure-response relationships between aircraft noise and its effect on communities around United States civilian airports. This Study will collect information from residents living near airports to determine their probability of awakening due to aircraft noise exposure. The FAA will use the information from this collection to derive the empirical data to inform any potential updates to or validation of the national aviation noise policy. Further information on National Sleep Study as part of the FAA's noise research program was also made available through a separate notice 86 FR 2722.

*Respondents:* Approximately 4,400 respondents to 25,000 postal surveys (18% response rate). From among these survey respondents, approximately 400 respondents (9.1%) will be recruited into the field study.

*Frequency:* Response to the postal survey, and participation in the field study, will be a one-time event.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* The postal survey will take an estimated 8.25 minutes to complete. The field study will take an estimated 2 hours and 33 minutes of active participation across 5 study days to complete.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* The estimated total annual burden for the postal survey is 302 hours and 30 minutes in each of the two years of the study, and 510 hours for field study.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Kevin Welsh,**

*Executive Director, FAA Office of Environment & Energy.*

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**ACTION:** Receipt of petition.

**SUMMARY:** Nissan North America, Inc. (Nissan) has determined that certain model year (MY) 2020 Nissan Sentra motor vehicles do not fully comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 108, *Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment*. Nissan filed a noncompliance report dated August 26, 2020. Nissan subsequently petitioned NHTSA on September 18, 2020, for a decision that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety. This notice announces receipt of Nissan's petition.

**DATES:** Send comments on or before April 23, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on this petition. Comments must refer to the docket and notice number cited in the title of this notice and submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Send comments by mail addressed to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* Deliver comments by hand to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for Federal holidays.

- *Electronically:* Submit comments electronically by logging onto the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website at <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- Comments may also be faxed to (202) 493-2251.

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 comments you have submitted by mail were received, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard with the comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to [https://www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov/), including any personal information provided.

All comments and supporting materials received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be filed in the docket and

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[Docket No. NHTSA-2020-0100; Notice 1]

**Nissan North America, Inc., Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance**

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

will be considered. All comments and supporting materials received after the closing date will also be filed and will be considered to the fullest extent possible.

When the petition is granted or denied, notice of the decision will also be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated at the end of this notice.

All comments, background documentation, and supporting materials submitted to the docket may be viewed by anyone at the address and times given above. The documents may also be viewed on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> by following the online instructions for accessing the docket. The docket ID number for this petition is shown in the heading of this notice.

DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement is available for review in a **Federal Register** notice published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Overview

Nissan has determined that certain MY 2020 Nissan Sentra motor vehicles do not fully comply with the requirements of paragraph S10.18.9.1.2 of FMVSS No. 108, *Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associate Equipment* (49 CFR 571.108). Nissan filed a noncompliance report dated August 26, 2020, pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, *Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports*. Nissan subsequently petitioned NHTSA on September 18, 2020, for an exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 on the basis that this noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h) and 49 CFR part 556, *Exemption for Inconsequential Defect or Noncompliance*.

This notice of receipt of Nissan's petition is published under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120 and does not represent any Agency decision or other exercise of judgment concerning the merits of the petition.

##### II. Motor Vehicles Involved

Approximately 5,520 MY 2020 Nissan Sentra motor vehicles, manufactured between November 26, 2019, and March 24, 2020, are potentially involved.

##### III. Noncompliance

Nissan explains that the noncompliance is that the right-hand LED headlamp aim in the subject vehicle may be misaligned resulting in a vertical gradient value below 0.13 as

required by paragraph S10.18.9.1.2 of FMVSS No. 108.

##### IV. Rule Requirements

Paragraph S10.18.9.1.2 of FMVSS No. 108 includes the requirements relevant to this petition. *Vertical gradient*. The gradient of the cutoff measured at either 2.5° L or 2.0° R must be not less than 0.13 based on the procedure of S10.18.9.1.5.

##### V. Summary of Nissan's Petition

The following views and arguments presented in this section, "V. Summary of Nissan's Petition," are the views and arguments provided by Nissan. They have not been evaluated by the Agency and do not reflect the views of the Agency. Nissan describes the subject noncompliance and contends that the noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety.

In support of its petition, Nissan provided NHTSA with the following:

1. Nissan states that the supplier (Ichikoh) did not apply the correct aiming logic when setting the head lamp aim parameters in the subject vehicles and, as a result, the right-hand LED headlamp aim may be misaligned resulting in a vertical gradient value below 0.13. Nissan asserts that a lower G-Value will lead to a headlamp cut line that is slightly less sharp. Ichikoh inspected 3,506 lamps and found 572 lamps with a G-Value below 0.13. However, when the cut-off value is brought down to two decimals instead of three (per the express requirement in FMVSS No. 108), only 286 lamps (about 8%) fall below the 0.13 minimum threshold. Of the 286 lamps, 248 (about 87%) are at a gradient value of 0.12.

2. Ichikoh has also confirmed that, even when the G-Value is below 0.13, all points of the Light Distribution achieve the required specifications of FMVSS No. 108 for both the low and high beam performance.

3. Nissan states that it has not received any reports from the field of customer complaints, warranty claims, crashes, injuries, or fatalities related to this issue.

4. Nissan contends that the purpose of the gradient requirement is to assist in headlamp re-aiming. Nissan says that the vehicles potentially affected by this issue were aimed properly at the factory using a different aiming method. Therefore, the only potential concern would relate to re-aiming performed after the vehicle has been in use. Aiming of the headlamps by a service technician in the field is an event that is expected to occur infrequently. To confirm this, Nissan searched its repair

order database for repair orders on the previous generation Sentra that involved re-aiming of the headlamps. Out of 1,389,330 vehicles, only 161 repair orders were found that involved headlamp aiming. This rate of repair would be 0.011% of vehicles. If the same rate of repair is applied to the expected 420 vehicles in the subject population, we would expect only 0.05 vehicles of the subject population to require a re-aiming in the field.

5. Nissan asserts that the difference in gradient values between 0.12 and 0.13 does not materially affect the ability of a service technician to properly aim the lamp in the rare case that this would need to be done in the field.

6. Even if the lamps had to be re-aimed at some point, according to Nissan, it is unlikely the driver or other motorists would notice any glare or observable difference in operation between a fully compliant lamp and the subject lamps, based on the conditions described above.

7. In the subject parts, all points of the light distribution achieve the required specifications of FMVSS No. 108 for both the low and high beam performance.

Nissan concludes by again contending that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety, and that its petition to be exempted from providing notification of the noncompliance, as required by 49 U.S.C. 30118, and a remedy for the noncompliance, as required by 49 U.S.C. 30120, should be granted.

NHTSA notes that the statutory provisions (49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h)) that permit manufacturers to file petitions for a determination of inconsequentiality allow NHTSA to exempt manufacturers only from the duties found in sections 30118 and 30120, respectively, to notify owners, purchasers, and dealers of a defect or noncompliance and to remedy the defect or noncompliance. Therefore, any decision on this petition only applies to the subject vehicles that Nissan no longer controlled at the time it determined that the noncompliance existed. However, any decision on this petition does not relieve vehicle distributors and dealers of the prohibitions on the sale, offer for sale, or introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of the noncompliant vehicles under their control after Nissan notified them that the subject noncompliance existed.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.95 and 501.8.

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Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.  
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## UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION PLAN

### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice; Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board Subcommittee Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** March 25, 2021, from Noon to 2:00 p.m., Eastern time.

**PLACE:** This meeting will be accessible via conference call and via Zoom Meeting and Screenshare. Any interested person may call (i) 1-929-205-6099 (US Toll) or 1-669-900-6833 (US Toll) or (ii) 1-877-853-5247 (US Toll Free) or 1-888-788-0099 (US Toll Free), Meeting ID: 988 1565 4454, to listen and participate in this meeting. The website to participate via Zoom Meeting and Screenshare is <https://kellen.zoom.us/j/98815654454>.

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Audit Subcommittee (the "Subcommittee") will continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement. The subject matter of this meeting will include:

#### Proposed Agenda

##### I. Call to Order—Subcommittee Chair

The Subcommittee Chair will welcome attendees, call the meeting to order, call roll for the Subcommittee, confirm whether a quorum is present, and facilitate self-introductions.

##### II. Verification of Publication of Meeting Notice—UCR Executive Director

The UCR Executive Director will verify the publication of the meeting notice on the UCR website and distribution to the UCR contact list via email followed by the subsequent publication of the notice in the **Federal Register**.

### III. Review and Approval of Subcommittee Agenda and Setting of Ground Rules—Subcommittee Chair

*For Discussion and Possible Subcommittee Action*

The Agenda will be reviewed, and the Subcommittee will consider adoption.

#### Ground Rules

- Subcommittee action only to be taken in designated areas on agenda.

### IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from the December 3, 2020 Meeting—Subcommittee Chair

*For Discussion and Possible Subcommittee Action*

Draft minutes from the December 3, 2020 Subcommittee meeting via teleconference will be reviewed. The Subcommittee will consider action to approve.

### V. Update on the Tracking of Audit Data in the DSL Focused Anomaly Reviews (FARs)—Subcommittee Chair

The Subcommittee Chair will discuss the merits of the Subcommittee having an oversight role in the audit notes on closed audits regarding the FARs and MCS-150 databases when there is an indication of an error or insufficient documentation to close the audit.

### VI. MCS-150 Retreat Audit Program—Subcommittee Chair and DSL Transportation

The Subcommittee Chair and DSL Transportation will lead a discussion regarding the MCS-150 retreat audit program provided by UCR and the progress made with participating states. States may opt into the program. States will remain engaged in the audit process but may have a lesser burden of having to attend to unresponsive/unproductive retreat audits.

### VII. Review the Leasing Company Guidance for Large Leasing Companies (Penske)—Subcommittee Chair

The Subcommittee Chair will lead a discussion regarding potential conflicting guidance for these companies.

### VIII. Intrastate Carriers Processing Payment—Subcommittee Chair and Subcommittee Vice Chair

The Subcommittee Chair and Subcommittee Vice Chair will lead a discussion regarding these carriers contacting their financial institution to withdraw payment and how this action leaves those carriers permanently on the UCR Suspension Report. The states have no way of removing them from the

report. The Subcommittee may discuss options for resolution of these issues.

### IX. Motor Carriers with Repeated Suspended Payments for a Registration Year—Subcommittee Chair and Subcommittee Vice Chair

The Subcommittee Chair and Subcommittee Vice Chair will lead a discussion regarding the resolution of these suspended payments.

### X. Motor Carriers Suspended in a Prior Year, May be Reported Suspended for the Current Year—Subcommittee Chair and Subcommittee Vice Chair

The Subcommittee Chair and Subcommittee Vice Chair will lead a discussion regarding carriers that were suspended in a prior registration year, then properly paid registration fees for the current year, may now show suspended for both years. The Subcommittee will discuss options for the resolution of these suspended payments.

### XI. Allowing Motor Carrier to Process 2020/2021 UCR on Inactive USDOT (inactivated 2014)—Subcommittee Chair and Subcommittee Vice Chair

The Subcommittee Chair and Subcommittee Vice Chair will lead a discussion regarding the suspended payments.

### XII. Review the Requirements for the 2020 Annual State Audit Report—Subcommittee Chair

The Subcommittee Chair will lead a discussion regarding the reports and percentages for the annual report to the Board which is due by June 1, 2021.

### XIII. Other Items—Subcommittee Chair

The Subcommittee Chair will call for any other items the committee members would like to discuss.

### XIV. Adjournment—Subcommittee Chair

The Subcommittee Chair will adjourn the meeting.

The agenda will be available no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, March 18, 2021 at: <https://plan.ucr.gov>.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Elizabeth Leaman, Chair, Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors, (617) 305-3783, [eleaman@board.ucr.gov](mailto:eleaman@board.ucr.gov).

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