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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Docket No. 96-43; Notice 2]

International Regulatory Harmonization, Motor Vehicle Safety; Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Engines and the Environment

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT; Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On June 17, 1996, NHTSA and EPA published a joint notice in the Federal Register requesting written comments and announcing two public meetings regarding recommendations by the U.S. and European automotive industry for actions by the U.S. and European Union governments. These industry recommendations, made at the Transatlantic Automotive Industry Conference on International Regulatory, concern the international harmonization of motor vehicle safety and environmental regulation, the intergovernmental regulatory process necessary to achieve such harmonization, and the coordination of related motor vehicle safety and environmental research. NHTSA and EPA requested public comments to facilitate their making informed decisions about their responses to the industry recommendations as well as to ensure that all interested parties were made aware of ongoing activity in the area of international harmonization of motor vehicle safety and environmental regulations. In response to two requests for an extension of the period for submitting written comments, NHTSA and EPA have decided to extend the comment deadline from July 25, 1996 to October 1, 1996.

DATES: Written Comments: All written comments on the June 17, 1996 request for comments, Docket 96-43, Notice 1, must be received by NHTSA's docket section no later than October 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All written comments should refer to Docket No. 96-43, Notice 1, and be submitted to: Docket Section, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20590. Docket hours are 9:30 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To facilitate the reading of comments relating to a particular issue, commenters are requested to divide their comments into two different sections: (1) Safety and regulatory process; and (2) Environment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

NHTSA: Mr. Stanley C. Feldman, Office of Chief Counsel, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590 telephone (202-366-5265), fax (202-366-3820)

EPA: Kenneth E. Feith, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202-260-4996), fax (202-260-9766).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the June 17, 1996 (61 FR 30657) Federal Register, NHTSA and EPA published a joint notice requesting written comments and announcing two public meetings, held on July 10 and 11, 1996, to seek comments on recommendations by the U.S. and European automotive industry for actions by the U.S. European Union (EU) governments concerning international harmonization of motor vehicle safety and environmental regulation, the intergovernmental regulatory process necessary to achieve such harmonization, and coordination of vehicle safety and environmental research. The industry recommendations were made at the Transatlantic Automotive Industry Conference on International Regulatory Harmonization, held in Washington, D.C., on April 10-11, 1996. NHTSA and EPA requested public comments to facilitate their making informed decisions about their responses to the industry recommendations as well as to ensure that all interested parties were made aware of ongoing activity in the area of international harmonization of motor vehicle safety and environmental regulations.

The notice discussed the background that led to the Washington Conference, the industry principles and recommendations for current and future harmonization actions needed by the U.S. and EU in three specific areas (i.e., regulatory process, safety, and the environment), and U.S. government statements concerning the goal of harmonization of existing and future motor vehicle safety and environmental standards and regulations. To provide a focus for public comments, the notice also discussed the broad subject areas and set forth a series of questions and issues that NHTSA and EPA would like the public to address. The agencies specified that written comments had to be submitted before the close of

business on the comment closing date of July 25, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

Subsequent to the July 10 and 11, 1996 public meetings, NHTSA received requests for extension of the period for submitting written comments on the notice from Consumers Union and Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety. A copy of each request has been placed in NHTSA's docket at Docket No. 96-43, Notice 1. Both Consumers Union and Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety indicated that they wish to file substantive written comments on these issues but can only do so if the comment deadline of July 25, 1996, is extended substantially, or until October 1, 1996. After reviewing these requests, NHTSA agrees that commenters need more time to formulate their responses given the complexity of the issues involved.

Accordingly, the period for submitting written comments, originally scheduled to end July 25, is extended to October 1, 1996.

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