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 Federal motor vehicle safety standards 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 importation into and 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 Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Where there is no substantially similar U.S.-certified motor vehicle, 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(B) permits a nonconforming motor vehicle to be admitted into the United States if its safety features comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards based on destructive test data or such other evidence as NHTSA decides to be adequate.

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**.

NHTSA received petitions from registered importers to decide whether the vehicles listed in Annex A to this notice are eligible for importation into the United States. To afford an opportunity for public comment, NHTSA published notice of these petitions as specified in Annex A. The reader is referred to those notices for a thorough description of the petitions. No comments were received in response to these notices. Based on its review of the information submitted by the petitioners, NHTSA has 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. Vehicle eligibility numbers assigned to vehicles admissible under this decision are specified in Annex A.

Final Decision

Accordingly, on the basis of the foregoing, NHTSA hereby decides that each motor vehicle listed in Annex A to this notice, which was not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards, is either (1) substantially similar to a motor vehicle manufactured for importation into and/or sale in the United States, and certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, as specified in Annex A, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards or (2) has 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), (a)(1)(B), and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

Issued on: July 28, 2003.

Kenneth N. Weinstein,

Associate Administrator for Enforcement.

Annex A

Nonconforming Motor Vehicles Decided To Be Eligible for Importation

1. Docket No. NHTSA–2003–15172

Nonconforming Vehicle: 2001–2003 Mercedes Benz Type 463 short wheel base (SWB) Gelaendewagen Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicles (Cabriolet and the Three Door Models)

Because there are no substantially similar U.S.-certified versions of the 2001–2003 Mercedes Benz Type 463 short wheel base (SWB) Gelaendewagen, the petition sought import eligibility under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(B).

Notice of Petition Published at: 68 FR 28877 (May 27, 2003)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VCP–25

2. Docket No. NHTSA–2003–15353

Nonconforming Vehicles: 2002 BMW Z8 Passenger Cars

Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicle: 2002 BMW Z8 Passenger Cars

Notice of Petition Published at: 68 FR 34477 (June 9, 2003)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–406

3. Docket No. NHTSA–2003–15386

Nonconforming Vehicle: 2001 Ducati Monster 600 Motorcycles

Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicle: 2001 Ducati Monster 600 Motorcycles

Notice of Petition Published at: 68 FR 35773 (June 16, 2003)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–407

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Notice of Public Information Collection Submitted to OMB for Review

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Extension of a currently approved collection.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval the following proposal for collection of information as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title: Financial Assistance of Railroad Lines.

OMB Form Number: 2140–0003.

No. of Respondents: 9.

Total Burden Hours: 315.

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments by September 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to the Surface Transportation Board, Room 705, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423. 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 copies of the information collection may be obtained by contacting Barbara G. Saddler (202) 565–1656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Surface Transportation Board is, by statute, responsible for the economic regulation of surface transportation carriers operating in interstate and foreign commerce. The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Public Law 104–88, 109 Stat. 803 (1995), which took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred the responsibility for regulating rail transportation, including the proposed abandonment and discontinuance of rail lines, to the Surface Transportation Board. The Board needs, in each abandonment exemption proceeding, a detailed map of the rail line, depicting its relation to other rail lines, roads,

water routes, and population centers. The Board will use the information concerning the value of the property involved if necessary to set the fair market value of the property and conditions of sale or the terms of the subsidy. Interested parties have a statutory right to file offers of financial assistance. The Board has the Congressionally mandated responsibility to handle offers of financial assistance. The consequences of failure to collect data related to offers of financial assistance will be an inability to fulfill responsibilities under 49 U.S.C. 10904.

Dated: July 28, 2003.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Notice of Public Information Collection Submitted to OMB for Review

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Extension of a currently approved collection.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval the following proposal for collection of information as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title: Maps To Be Submitted in Abandonment Exemption Proceedings.

OMB Form Number: 2140–0008.

No. of Respondents: 54.

Total Burden Hours: 54.

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments by September 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to the Surface Transportation Board, Room 706, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423. 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 copies of the information collection may be obtained by contacting Barbara G. Saddler (202) 565–1656.

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Dated: July 28, 2003.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Notice of Public Information Collection Submitted to OMB for Review

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Extension of a currently approved collection.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval the following proposal for collection of information as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 04–13 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Title: System Diagram Maps.

OMB Form Number: 2140–0003.

No. of Respondents: 13.

Total Burden Hours: 58.5.

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments by September 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to the Surface Transportation Board, Room 705, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423. 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 copies of the information collection may be obtained by contacting Barbara G. Saddler (202) 565–1656.

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Dated: July 28, 2003.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Enhanced-Use Lease Development of Property at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Syracuse, NY

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of intent to designate.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) intends to designate approximately 0.57 acres of land at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Syracuse, New York, for an enhanced-use leasing development. The Department intends to enter into a 75-year lease of real property with a selected lessee/developer who will finance, design, develop, maintain and manage a biotechnology research facility, at no cost to VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vanessa Chambers, Capital Asset Management and Planning Service (182C), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565–6554.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 38 U.S.C. section 8161 *et seq.* specifically provides that the Secretary may enter into an enhanced-use lease if he determines that at least part of the use of the property under the lease will be to provide appropriate space for an activity contributing to the mission of