

in serviceable condition at its Brunswick, MD, facility for utilization in the event of a Public Emergency. During the day the passenger cars utilized to operate MARC's Brunswick line stored at Union Station, Washington, DC, in the event of a Public Emergency that closed or blocked access to Union Station, MARC could use any locomotive available to haul these cars. The plan would be to operate the cars between the extreme ends of the Washington, DC, Metro system and MARC's Martinsburg, WV, and Frederick, MD, stations.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (FRA-2003-15193) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78). The Statement may also be found at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2003-15470]

Reopening of Comment Period on Whether Nonconforming 2003 Mitsubishi Evolution VIII Left Hand Drive Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.
ACTION: Reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: This document announces the reopening of the comment period on a petition for NHTSA to decide that 2003 Mitsubishi Evolution VIII left hand drive (LHD) 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.

DATES: The closing date for comments on the petition is August 6, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 9 am to 5 pm]. 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 document (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 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-787) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 30, 2003, NHTSA published a notice (at 68 FR 38750) that it had received a petition to decide that nonconforming 2003 Mitsubishi Evolution VIII LHD passenger cars are eligible for importation into the United States. The notice solicited public comments on the petition and stated that the closing date for comments is July 30, 2003.

This is to notify the public that NHTSA is reopening the comment period on this petition, and allowing it to run until August 6, 2003. This reopening is based on a request dated July 29, 2003, from Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. ("Mitsubishi"), the U.S. representative of the vehicle's manufacturer. Mitsubishi stated that the reopening was needed because it had yet to complete a technical analysis of

the petition that it is conducting in Japan. Mitsubishi explained that its analysis has taken "longer than initially expected because there are a number of significant engineering issues raised by the petition's discussion of the steps required for modifying the nonconforming Mitsubishi Evolution VIII passenger cars to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards." The company stated that "these engineering issues require careful analysis and comparison between conforming and nonconforming models." The company also noted that it has recently retained outside counsel to assist in preparing its comments, and that "additional time has been needed both to familiarize counsel with the issues, to address issues raised by counsel, and to narrow the issues under review." Mitsubishi requested that the comment period be reopened and allowed to run for a period of one week from the original closing date.

NHTSA has granted Mitsubishi's request. 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 address 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)(B) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

Kenneth N. Weinstein,

Associate Administrator for Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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

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

ACTION: Grant of petition for exemption.

SUMMARY: This document grants in full the petition of DaimlerChrysler Corporation, (DaimlerChrysler) for an exemption of a high-theft line, the Chrysler Town and Country, from the parts-marking requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard. This petition is granted