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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2003-15681]

Extension of Comment Period on Whether Nonconforming 2003 Ferrari 360 Spider and Coupe Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation

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

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This document announces the extension of the comment period on a petition for NHTSA to decide that 2003 Ferrari 360 Spider and Coupe 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 September 16, 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 August 1, 2003, NHTSA published a notice (at 68 FR 45309) that it had received a petition to decide that nonconforming 2003 Ferrari 360 Spider and Coupe 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 September 2, 2003.

This is to notify the public that NHTSA is extending the comment period on this petition, and allowing it to run until September 16, 2003. This reopening is based on a request dated August 25, 2003, from Ferrari North America, Inc. ("Ferrari"), the U.S. representative of the vehicle's manufacturer. Ferrari stated that the extension was needed because the personnel and information required for its analysis of the petition are located at the company's factory in Italy, and that the necessary personnel were unavailable for much of the month of August due to the traditional August holiday that is taken in that country. Owing to the technical nature of the analysis that Ferrari stated is necessary to assess the petition and conformance issues raised therein, the company asserted that the unavailability of its Italy-based personnel and information made it impossible for it to complete its analysis before the closing date specified in the notice of petition. The company contended that a two-week extension would not prejudice the parties or unduly delay the proceeding.

NHTSA has granted Ferrari'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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 240X)]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Gaston County, NC

On August 21, 2003, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 to abandon a 5-mile portion of rail line extending between milepost HG-47.0 at Gastonia and milepost HG-52.0 at Dallas (Geba), in Gaston County, NC.

The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 28052, 28053, 28054 and 28034 and includes stations at Gastonia and Dallas (Geba).

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in NSR's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by December 9, 2003.

Any offer of financial assistance under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each offer must be accompanied by a \$1,100 filing fee. *See* 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than September 30, 2003. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. *See* 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 240X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) James R. Paschall, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510. Replies to the NSR petition are due on or before September 30, 2003.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152.

Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact