

provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 7, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Craig A. Sparks, Manager; Denver Airports District Office, DEN-ADO; Federal Aviation Administration; 26805 E. 68th Avenue, Suite 224; Denver, Colorado 80249-6361.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Ms. Corinne C. Nystrom, Airport Manager, at the following address: Walker Field Airport Authority, 2828 Walker Field Drive, Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506.

Air Carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Walker Field Airport Authority, under § 158.23 of part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chris Schaffer, (303) 342-1258; Denver Airports District Office, DEN-ADO; Federal Aviation Administration; 26805 E. 68th Avenue, Suite 224; Denver, Colorado 80249-6361. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application (04-06-U-00-GJT) to use a PFC at the Walker Field Airport, under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On July 23, 2004, the FAA determined that the application to use a PFC submitted by the Walker Field Airport Authority, Grand Junction, Colorado, was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than October 29, 2004.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: November 1, 2004.

Proposed charge expiration date: September 1, 2006.

Brief description of proposed project: Air carrier ramp expansion.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFC's: None.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA Regional Airports Office located at:

Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, ANM-600, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Suite 315, Renton, WA 98055-4056.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Walker Field Airport.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on July 23, 2004.

David A. Field,

Manager, Planning, Programming and Capacity Branch, Northwest Mountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Cache County, Utah

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Cache County, Utah.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey Berna, Environmental Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, 2520 West 4700 South, Suite 9A, Salt Lake City, Utah 84118, Telephone: (801) 963-0078 ext. 235; or Brad Humphreys, Utah Department of Transportation, Region 1, 166 West Southwell Road, Ogden, Utah 84404-4194, telephone: (801) 620-1684.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and the City of Logan, Utah, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to develop a new transportation corridor of approximately 1.2 miles between 300 South Street in the City of Logan to 100 North/Providence Lane in the City of Providence, Utah. The proposed new transportation corridor would consist of a new collector road built within an 80-foot right-of-way (ROW). The proposed transportation corridor would provide a transportation link between the City of Logan and the rapidly growing commercial and residential area of Providence, facilitating the economic expansion and residential development of south Logan and north Providence on the east side of Main Street. This purpose is consistent with the City of

Logan and the City of Providence general plans.

The proposed new transportation corridor with a collector road within an 80-foot ROW is included in the current Long-Range Plan and the Transportation Improvement Plan for the Logan Urbanized Area (LUA). The Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CMPO) Long-Range Plan and the Transportation Improvement Plan for the Logan Urbanized Area (LUA). The Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CMPO) Long-Range Plan has identified the proposed new collector road on approximately 100 East Street as one of the highest priorities in preserving and improving transportation mobility within the LUA.

Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action, (2) using transportation system management strategies that would provide for transportation efficiency within the existing transportation network, and (3) constructing the new collector road on one of several alignments. These alignments could require widening existing roadways in south Logan, and would also require entirely new ROW for large segments of the alignments. Design variations of grade and alignment will be incorporated into, and analyzed with, the various build alternatives.

Information letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments on the proposed project will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, as well as to private organizations and individuals who have previously expressed, or that are expected to be interested, in the proposed project. An initial public scoping meeting will be held in the City of Logan during late August or September 2004. Notice of additional public meetings to present information and solicit comments relative to alternatives for consideration and possible impacts will be given as the proposed project proceeds. Upon release of the draft EIS for public and agency review and comment, public notice will be given of the time and place for a public hearing to be held to receive comments. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment for no less than two weeks prior to the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or UDOT at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations impending Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

Issued on: July 30, 2004.

Jeffrey Berna,

Environmental Specialist, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2004-18755; Notice 1]

Coupled Products, Inc., Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Coupled Products, Inc. (Coupled Products) has determined that certain hydraulic brake hose assemblies that it produced do not comply with S5.3.4 of 49 CFR 571.106, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 106, "Brake hoses." Coupled Products has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports."

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h), Coupled Products has petitioned for an exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. chapter 301 on the basis that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

This notice of receipt of Coupled Product'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.

A total of approximately 24,622 brake hose assemblies, consisting of 3,092 assemblies bearing Part Number 5478 and 21,530 assemblies bearing Part Number 5480 are affected. S5.3.4 of FMVSS No. 106, tensile strength, requires that "a hydraulic brake hose assembly shall withstand a pull of 325 pounds without separation of the hose from its end fittings." The potentially affected hoses were manufactured using a "straight cup" procedure rather than the appropriate "step cup" procedure. Compliance testing by the petitioner of eight sample hose assemblies from two separate manufacturing lots of these hoses revealed that seven of the eight samples experienced hose separation from the end fittings at from 224 to 317 pounds.

Coupled Products believes that the noncompliance is inconsequential to

motor vehicle safety and that no corrective action is warranted. Coupled Products states that these hoses were shipped exclusively to EZ Loader, a manufacturer of boat trailers, the sole customer of the affected hoses. Coupled Products states:

Both Part Numbers 5478 and 5480 are utilized in specific boat trailer applications of a single trailer manufacturer. * * * [T]he routing and placement of the hoses on the particular boat trailers involved, and the shielded nature of the end fittings on those trailers are such that a linear, end-to-end "straight pull" on the hose assembly, such as that specified in the FMVSS No. 106 tensile strength test procedure, is unlikely to occur in real-world use. Because of the manner in which these hose assemblies are installed, rather than a "straight pull," it is more likely that the free length of the hose itself could be entangled or caught on a piece of road debris or other obstruction, resulting in a "side pull" on the assembly. With this potential in mind, [Coupled Products] conducted a side pull tensile test on a sample of the subject brake hose assemblies to simulate the possible effect of a side pull on the integrity of the assembly. This was accomplished by creating special mounting fixtures and apparatus to the standard testing equipment. * * * The "side pull" test results show that the tensile load achieved prior to the ends separating from the hose exceeded 530 pounds in each of the five samples tested—well in excess of the 325 pound requirement.

Coupled Products further states:

We believe that it is likely that in order for such a [side] pull to occur, the debris or obstacle in question would need to be of such size and/or weight that its encounter with the trailer would result in significant structural impact and thus have immediate effect on the operation of the trailer. While we have not been able to devise a test that would verify this theory, we believe that this is a realistic scenario. As a result, it seems likely that the trailer would likely incur an operational impact even before the possible loss of braking capability resulting from hose assembly failure.

The axles used in the trailers in question are stationary. Unlike sliding axles that are used in some trailers, the axles used in these trailers are in a fixed location. Consequently, the possibility that the sliding movement of the axle might result in unintended pull on the hose is remote. * * *

Because the braking system on the trailer is independent of the towing vehicle's braking system, any failure of the hose assembly due to excessive tensile force—unlikely as that may be—will not result in a loss of braking capability of the towing vehicle. Thus, in the unlikely event of separation, the driver would still retain full braking capability of the towing vehicle and would be able to stop the vehicle (although additional stopping distance may be required depending on the type of vehicle being used).

Coupled Products states that in other cases NHTSA determined that a FMVSS

No. 106 noncompliance is inconsequential where, because of the specific vehicle application involved, the hose assembly would not be subject to the type of forces specified in the standard. Coupled Product says:

See, e.g., General Motors Grant of Petition * * * 57 FR 1511 (January 14, 1992) (granting petition with respect to adhesion test noncompliance because, among other reasons, the "end use of the hoses was such that they were subject to pressure, not vacuum applications"), and Mitsubishi Motors America Grant of Petition * * * 57 FR 45868 (October 5, 1992) (same).

Coupled Products states it cannot estimate the percentage of the affected population that may be noncompliant, but the test results indicate that it is likely to be less than 100 percent. Coupled Products indicates that the problem has been corrected.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on the petition described above. Comments must refer to the docket and notice number cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted by any of the following methods. Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC. It is requested, but not required, that two copies of the comments be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Federal holidays. Comments may be submitted electronically by logging onto the Docket Management System Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Click on "Help" to obtain instructions for filing the document electronically. Comments may be faxed to 1-202-493-2251, or may be submitted to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

The petition, supporting materials, and all comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated below will be filed and will be considered. All comments and supporting materials received after the closing date will also be filed and will be considered to the extent possible. When the petition is granted or denied, notice of the decision will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Comment closing date: September 7, 2004.

(Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; delegations of authority at CFR 1.50 and 501.8.)