

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Availability of Record of Decision, Piedmont Triad International Airport, Greensboro, NC**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability—Record of Decision (ROD).

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has published a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for proposed airport development at Piedmont Triad International Airport, Greensboro, North Carolina. The proposed development consists of constructing and operating a new Runway 5L/23R, an overnight air cargo sorting and distribution facility and associated development. Further, the FAA has prepared a Record of Decision that clearly communicates FAA's consideration of all reasonable alternatives, communicates FAA's findings and rationale for selecting the chosen alternative, and identifies any mitigation measures to be implemented as a part of the selected alternative. The ROD was signed by the Regional Administrator, Southern Region, on December 31, 2001, announcing FAA's decision of the Preferred Alternative, W1-A1. The ROD is being made available to interested parties at the following locations:

Greensboro Public Library, 219 N. Church Street, Greensboro, NC
 Guilford County, Branch Library, 619 Dolly Madison Road, Greensboro, NC
 High Point Public Library, 901 North Main Street, High Point, NC
 Forsyth County Library, 660 West Fifth Street, Winston-Salem, NC
 Piedmont Triad International Airport, 6415 Airport Parkway, Greensboro, NC
 Federal Aviation Administration, 1701 Columbia Avenue, Suite C-260, College Park, GA

In addition, the ROD can be viewed at the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority's web page www.gsoair.org.

For additional information contact Mr. Scott L. Seritt, Manager, FAA Southern Region, Atlanta Airports District Office, 1701 Columbia Avenue, Suite C-260, College Park, Georgia.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[Docket No. NHTSA-2001-9707; Notice 2]

Decision That Nonconforming Model Years 1999, 2000, and 2001 Mercedes Benz CL500 and CL600 Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation

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

ACTION: Notice of decision by NHTSA that nonconforming model years ("MY") 1999, 2000, and 2001 Mercedes Benz CL500 and CL600 passenger cars are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the decision by NHTSA that MY 1999, 2000, and 2001 Mercedes Benz CL500 and CL600 passenger cars not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because they are substantially similar to vehicles originally manufactured for sale in the United States and certified by their manufacturer as complying with the safety standards (the U.S. certified version of the MY 1999, 2000, and 2001 Mercedes Benz CL500 and CL600 passenger cars), and they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

DATES: This decision is effective as of January 25, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Entwistle, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5306).

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 ("FMVSS") 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 FMVSS.

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**.

J.K. Technologies, LLC, of Baltimore, MD, ("J.K.") (Registered Importer 90-006) petitioned NHTSA to decide whether MY 1999, 2000, and 2001 Mercedes Benz CL500 and CL600 passenger cars are eligible for importation into the United States. NHTSA published notice of the petition on June 12, 2001 (66 FR 31749) to afford an opportunity for public comment. The reader is referred to that notice for a thorough description of the petition.

One comment was received in response to the notice of the petition, from Mercedes Benz USA, Inc., ("Mercedes"), the manufacturer of MY 1999, 2000, and 2001 Mercedes Benz CL500 and CL600 passenger cars. In this comment, Mercedes stated that, for the vehicles in question, the symbols found on the European version of the cruise control lever on the steering column have to be changed to words to satisfy FMVSS 101 Controls and Displays. Mercedes also noted that, under FMVSS 206 Door Locks and door retention components, the inside door locks for the European versions of the MY 1999, 2000, and 2001 Mercedes Benz CL500 and CL600 passenger cars are not identical to the versions originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States. The European versions of the MY 1999, 2000, and 2001 Mercedes Benz CL500 and CL600 passenger cars have cylindrical interior door lock push buttons that submerge into the door panel when in the "lock" position, but the U.S. versions have mushroom shaped push buttons.

NHTSA accorded J.K. an opportunity to respond to Mercedes' comments. J.K. stated that for FMVSS 101 and FMVSS 206, it would replace the cruise control lever and the door lock push buttons, respectively, with the correct U.S. part numbers in the MY 1999, 2000, and 2001 Mercedes Benz CL500 and CL600 passenger cars that are the subject of its petition.

In view of Mercedes' comments and J.K.'s response, NHTSA has decided to grant import eligibility to the MY 1999, 2000, and 2001 Mercedes Benz CL500 and CL600 passenger cars.