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A description of the withdrawn tasks follows.

Occupant Protection and Safety Standards

The FAA tasked the ARAC to review occupant protection standards to address criteria for improved occupant protection commonly used on part 23 airplanes, and develop requirements to improve the safety of part 23 airplanes. The ARAC's recommendations were to include an assessment of—

1. Flammability Standards for Seat Fireblocking Provisions;
2. Standardization of Emergency Landing Dynamic Conditions;
3. Thermal/Acoustic Insulation Flammability;
4. Airworthiness Certification of Airplanes Used in Cargo/Passenger Combination Operations;
5. Emergency Exit Markings;
6. Emergency Exit Access; and
7. Electric Cables and Equipment.

To consolidate FAA and industry resources, the FAA withdraws this task and includes it in new Task I described in this notice. Although the entire withdrawn task is not included in the new task, the FAA has determined that the intended results from the withdrawn task will be accomplished with new Task I.

Propulsion Certification Requirements

The FAA tasked ARAC to review part 23 standards to evaluate criteria for propulsion technologies used on part 23 airplanes and requirements that would improve the safety of part 23 airplanes. The ARAC recommendations were to include an evaluation of—

1. Turbofan/jet installations;
2. Single level power controls;
3. Electronic engine controls;
4. Fuel quantity calibration and low fuel warning for reciprocating engines;
5. New technology reciprocating engines (for example, diesel engines);
6. New technology powerplant displays; and
7. Various miscellaneous updates to part 23 powerplant requirements.

To consolidate FAA and industry resources, the FAA withdraws this task and incorporates it in new Task II described in this notice.

Static Directional and Lateral Stability

The FAA tasked the ARAC to review § 23.177 and JAR 23 and make recommendations on harmonized changes to § 23.177 for demonstrating positive dihedral effect in all landing

gear and flap positions that would improve the safety of part 23 airplanes. The ARAC's recommendations were to include a draft notice of proposed rulemaking with preamble language, rule language, and any supporting legal analysis.

Miscellaneous Systems Standards

The FAA tasked the ARAC with evaluating the requirements for systems in the following CFR sections and make recommendations to address systems safety that would improve the safety of part 23 airplanes:

1. Revise § 23.735 to clarify the requirement for operation of brakes after a single failure in the braking system in commuter category airplanes.
2. Revise § 23.1301 by deleting paragraph (d); revise § 23.1309 to include warning requirements, probability values, and failure conditions applicable to powerplant systems; make warning requirements compatible with other regulations; delete paragraphs (c) and (d).
3. Add a new § 23.1310, Power Source Capacity and Distribution, from existing paragraphs 23.1309(c) and (d).
4. Revise § 23.1311 to address redundancy requirements for primary flight instruments; define "indicator," the sensory cue requirements in paragraph (a)(6); delete the redundancy requirement in paragraph (b).
5. Review and revise §§ 23.1326(b)(1) and 23.1322 to require the amber light to be illuminated when the pitot tube heater is "off."
6. Review and revise § 23.1311 to call out required flight instruments as indicated in §§ 23.1303 and 91.205.

The FAA withdraws these tasks to free-up resources that will allow the FAA and industry to focus on other priorities. Withdrawal of these tasks does not prohibit the FAA from issuing future notices on these subject matters or committing the agency to a future course of action.

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Tony F. Fazio,

Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement: Warren County, KY

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for the proposed construction of a highway on new alignment from I-65 west to US 31W in northern Warren County, Kentucky.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Farley, Area Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, John C. Watts Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, 330 W. Broadway, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Telephone 502-223-6744, Fax 502-223-6735.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA in cooperation with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) will prepare an EA or EIS for the construction of a highway on new alignment from I-65 west to US 31W in the vicinity of the Kentucky TriModal Transpark (KTT). The EA or EIS will complement previous studies conducted by KYTC and the local Intermodal Transpark Authority (ITA) for the KTT development area and will detail environmental, social, and economic impacts associated with the proposed action.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies. A series of public meetings and a public hearing will be held while preparing this EA or EIS. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing. The EA or draft EIS will be available for public and agency reviews and comment prior to the public hearing.

The public meetings and hearing will also be a forum for public consultation and involvement on issues associated with the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) when appropriate. Interested persons, groups, or parties who wish to be consulting parties under Section 106 for this project should submit a written request to the KYTC Bowling Green District Office, Attn: Kenneth Cox, Project Manager, 900 Morgantown Road, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42102. Telephone 270-746-7898, Fax 270-746-7643.

To ensure the full range of issues related to the proposed action is addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning the proposed action and the EA or EIS may also be directed to the KYTC District Office or FHWA at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning

and Construction. The regulations implementing executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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Evan Wisniewski,

Project Development Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration.

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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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Kenneth N. Weinstein,

Associate Administrator for Enforcement.

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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 (Gebo), 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 (Gebo).

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