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Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) 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

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2004-19485]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 2004 Jeep Liberty Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles Manufactured for the Mexican Market Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 2004 Jeep Liberty multipurpose passenger vehicles manufactured for the Mexican market are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 2004 Jeep Liberty multipurpose passenger vehicles manufactured for the Mexican market that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because (1) they are substantially similar to vehicles that were originally manufactured for sale in the United States and that were certified by their manufacturer as complying with the safety standards, and (2) they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

DATES: The closing date for comments on the petition is December 3, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number and notice number, and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.]. 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) 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:

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 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 Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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**.

Wallace Environmental Testing Laboratories, Inc. (WETL) of Houston, TX (Registered Importer 90-005) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether nonconforming 2004 Jeep Liberty multipurpose passenger vehicles manufactured for the Mexican market are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicles which WETL believes are substantially similar are 2004 Jeep Liberty multipurpose passenger vehicles that were manufactured for sale in the United States and certified by their manufacturer as conforming to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The petitioner claims that it carefully compared non-U.S. certified 2004 Jeep Liberty multipurpose passenger vehicles manufactured for the Mexican market to their U.S.-certified counterparts, and

found the vehicles to be substantially similar with respect to compliance with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

WETL submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that non-U.S. certified 2004 Jeep Liberty multipurpose passenger vehicles manufactured for the Mexican market as originally manufactured, conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards in the same manner as their U.S. certified counterparts.

Specifically, the petitioner claims that non-U.S. certified 2004 Jeep Liberty multipurpose passenger vehicles manufactured for the Mexican market are identical to their U.S. certified counterparts with respect to compliance with Standard Nos. 101 *Controls and Displays*, 102 *Transmission Shift Lever Sequence, Starter Interlock, and Transmission Braking Effect*, 103 *Windshield Defrosting and Defogging Systems*, 104 *Windshield Wiping and Washing Systems*, 106 *Brake Hoses*, 108 *Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment*, 111 *Rearview Mirrors*, 113 *Hood Latch System*, 114 *Theft Protection*, 116 *Motor Vehicle Brake Fluids*, 118 *Power-Operated Window, Partition, and Roof Panel Systems*, 119 *New Pneumatic Tires for Vehicles Other than Passenger Cars*, 120 *Tire Selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles Other than Passenger Cars*, 124 *Accelerator Control Systems*, 135 *Passenger Car Brake Systems*, 201 *Occupant Protection in Interior Impact*, 202 *Head Restraints*, 204 *Steering Control Rearward Displacement*, 205 *Glazing Materials*, 206 *Door Locks and Door Retention Components*, 207 *Seating Systems*, 208 *Occupant Crash Protection*, 209 *Seat Belt Assemblies*, 210 *Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages*, 212 *Windshield Mounting*, 214 *Side Impact Protection*, 216 *Roof Crush Resistance*, 219 *Windshield Zone Intrusion*, 225 *Child Restraint Anchorage Systems*, 301 *Fuel System Integrity*, and 302 *Flammability of Interior Materials*.

The petitioner also states that a vehicle identification plate must be affixed to the vehicles near the left windshield post to meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 565.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments on the petition described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.]. It is requested but not required that 10 copies be submitted.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Delays in Processing of Exemption Applications

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of application delayed more than 180 days.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), RSPA is publishing the following list of exemption applications that have been in process for 180 days or more. The reason(s) for delay and the expected completion date for action on each application is provided in association with each identified application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delmer Billings, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street,

SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

Key to "Reason for Delay"

1. Awaiting additional information for applicant.
2. Extensive public comment under review.
3. Application is technically complex and is of significant impact or precedent-setting and requires extensive analysis.
4. Staff review delayed by other priority issues or volume of exemption applications.

Meaning of Application Number Suffixes

- N—New application.
- M—Modification request.
- PM—Party to application with modification request.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 28, 2004.

R. Ryan Posten,

Exemptions Program Officer, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety Exemptions & Approvals.

NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
11927-N	Alaska Marine Lines, Inc., Seattle, WA	4	12-31-2004
12381-N	Ideal Chemical & Supply Co., Memphis, TN	2	01-31-2005
12412-N	Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR	3	01-31-2005
12751-N	Defense Technology Corporation, Casper, WY	4	12-31-2004
12797-N	Environmental Quality Co., Belleville, MI	4	01-31-2005
12960-N	International Fuel Cells, South Windsor, CT	1	11-30-2004
13055-N	Stenstrom Petroleum Equipment Group, Rockford, IL	4	01-31-2005
13183-N	Becton Dickinson, Sandy, UT	4	12-31-2004
13188-N	General Dynamics, Lincoln, NE	1	12-31-2004
13309-N	OPW Engineered Systems, Lebanon, OH	4	01-31-2005
13295-N	Taylor-Wharton, Harrisburg, PA	1	12-31-2004
13266-N	Luxfer Gas Cylinders, Riverside, CA	1	12-31-2004
13265-N	Aeropres Corporation, Shreveport, LA	4	11-30-2004
13228-N	AirSep Creekside Corp., Buffalo, NY	4	12-31-2004
13225-N	Quantum Technologies, Irvine, CA	1	12-31-2004
13281-N	The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI	4	11-30-2004
13422-N	Puritan Bennett, Plainfield, IN	3	12-31-2004
12949-N	Railway Progress Institute, Inc., Alexandria, VA	4	01-31-2005
13482-N	U.S. Vanadium Corporation (Subsidiary of Strategic Minerals Corporation), Niagra Falls, NY	4	11-30-2004
13443-N	Koch Materials Company, Wichita, KS	4	11-30-2004
13423-N	E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Company, Inc., Wilmington, DE	1	01-31-2005
13461-N	FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA	4	12-31-2004
13346-N	Stand-By-Systems, Inc., Dallas, TX	1	12-31-2004
13347-N	ShipMate, Inc., Torrance, CA	4	12-31-2004
13341-N	National Propane Gas Association, Washington, DC	1	12-31-2004
13302-N	FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA	4	12-31-2004
13314-N	Sunoco Inc., Philadelphia, PA	4	01-31-2005
13560-N	Texaco Ovonic Hydrogen Systems L.L.C. (TOHS), Rochester Hills, MI	4	12-31-2004
13554-N	The Fertilizer Institute, Washington, DC	4	12-31-2004
13547-N	CP Industries, McKeesport, PA	4	01-31-2005
13976-N	Osmose Utilities Services, Inc., Buffalo, NY	4	11-30-2004
13551-N	INO Therapeutics LLC, Port Allen, LA	4	12-31-2004
13484-N	Air Liquide America L.P., Houston, TX	4	11-30-2004
13176-N	Union Pacific Railroad Company, Omaha, NE	4	01-31-2005
13054-N	CHS Transportation, Mason City, IA	4	11-30-2004
13077-N	MacIntyre, Middlebury, VT	4	01-31-2005
12950-N	Walnut Industries, Inc., Bensalem, PA	4	01-31-2005