

recommended from its professional engineering staff.

After initially reviewing the petition, the agency informed J.K., by letter dated December 7, 2001, that it had submitted insufficient test data to demonstrate that the 2001 Mercedes Benz Gelaendewagen MPV complies with, or is capable of being altered to comply with, Standard Nos. 105 Hydraulic Brake Systems, 208 Occupant Crash Protection, 214 Side Impact Protection, and 301 Fuel System Integrity. The letter asked J.K. how it intended to bring the vehicle into compliance with these standards.

In lieu of responding to this request, J.K. asked the agency, by letter dated January 24, 2002, to disregard and destroy the data submitted in support of its original petition, and to process the petition instead under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A), on the basis that there is a U.S.-certified version of the vehicle. J.K. identified that vehicle as the 2002 Gelaendewagen Type 463 MPV (identified in the letter as the "G500 model") that Mercedes-Benz had begun to import into the United States. The letter asserted that this was an appropriate comparative vehicle because the vehicle that was the subject of the petition was actually produced after some of the vehicles that Mercedes had been importing with a 2002 model year designation.

The agency next received an inquiry concerning the status of the petition from an individual who identified himself as a client of J.K.'s. The individual stated that he had contracted with J.K. for the importation of a 3-door short wheel base convertible version of the 2001 Mercedes Benz Gelaendewagen. The agency subsequently learned from Mercedes Benz North America that the only model year 2002 Gelaendewagen being offered for sale in the United States is the 5-door long wheel base version of the vehicle. Based on this information, the agency asked J.K. to clarify which versions of the vehicle were covered by its petition, and to modify the petition if J.K. intended it to cover both long wheel base and short wheel base versions. J.K. responded, by letter dated April 15, 2002, that it intended the petition to cover all versions of the 2001 Mercedes Benz Gelaendewagen.

The agency then informed J.K., by letter dated May 15, 2002, that due to the 18-inch wheelbase difference and weight difference between the short wheel base and long wheel base versions of the vehicle, as well as the body difference with regard to the convertible model, the compliance of the 5-door long wheel base version with Standard Nos. 201, 204, 208, 210, 214,

216, and 301 does not necessarily demonstrate compliance of the 3-door short wheel base and convertible versions with those standards. The agency accordingly asked J.K. to supply it with additional information substantiating that the 3-door short wheel base and convertible models of the vehicle comply with those standards if J.K. wished the agency to construe the petition as applying to all three models. J.K. responded by letter dated August 12, 2002, requesting the agency to process the petition as applicable to the 5-door long wheel base version of the 2001 Gelaendewagen alone. J.K. stated that it would later submit separate petitions covering the other versions of the vehicle.

Since there was no substantially similar U.S.-certified version of the 2001 Mercedes Benz Gelaendewagen, 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(B) provides the only basis for the agency to decide that the vehicle is eligible for importation. As previously noted, that section permits a nonconforming motor vehicle to be admitted into the United States if its safety features comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable FMVSS based on destructive test or such other evidence as NHTSA decides to be adequate. In this instance, the fact that there is a U.S.-certified counterpart for the 5-door long wheel base version of the 2002 model Mercedes Benz Gelaendewagen has led the agency to conclude that the non-U.S. certified 5-door long wheel base model built in 2001 has safety features that comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable FMVSS. In light of this circumstance, the agency has decided to grant import eligibility to that model.

Vehicle Eligibility Number for Subject Vehicles

The importer of a vehicle admissible under any final decision must indicate on the form HS-7 accompanying entry the appropriate vehicle eligibility number indicating that the vehicle is eligible for entry. VCP-21 is the vehicle eligibility number assigned to vehicles admissible under this notice of final decision.

Final Decision

Accordingly, on the basis of the foregoing, NHTSA hereby decides that 2001 Mercedes Benz Gelaendewagen 5-door long wheel base multipurpose passenger vehicles that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because they have safety features that

comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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.

Issued on: November 13, 2002.

Marilynn Jacobs,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34275]

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company; Union Pacific Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

Pursuant to a written trackage rights and joint ownership agreement dated April 5, 2002, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant limited overhead trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) between BNSF milepost 3.3x near Argo, WA, and BNSF milepost 9.5x near Black River, WA, a distance of 6.2 miles, and UP has agreed to grant limited overhead trackage rights to BNSF between UP milepost 176.4 near Rhodes, WA, and UP milepost 173.1 near Black River, WA, a distance of 3.3 miles.¹

The parties state that consummation of the transaction was scheduled to occur immediately upon the November 6, 2002 effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed) and that operations under the exemption were scheduled to begin on or after November 7, 2002.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow the phase-in of commuter rail enhancements to accommodate the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority's commuter operations between Seattle and Tacoma, WA.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in

¹ The notice refers to an exchange of "temporary" overhead trackage rights in connection with a "joint relocation project." The transaction appears to be an exchange of trackage rights for a term of 40 years and has been processed as such. In the future, if circumstances warrant, BNSF and UP may need to seek approval to discontinue the trackage rights.

Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the exemption.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34275, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Sarah W. Bailiff, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, 2500 Lou Menk Drive, P.O. Box 961039, Fort Worth, TX 76161-0039, and Robert T. Opal, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1416 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68179.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: November 12, 2002.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 8, 2002.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 19, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP)

OMB Number: 1520-0002.

Form Number: BEP 5287.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Claim for Amounts Due in the Case of Deceased Owner of Mutilated Currency.

Description: BEP Form 5287 is used when Treasury is required to determine

ownership in cases of a deceased owner of damaged or mutilated currency.

Respondents: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 180.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Response: 55 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 165 hours.

Clearance Officer: Pamela Grayson, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Room 3.2.C, Engraving and Printing Annex, 14th and C Streets, SW., Washington, DC 20228, (202) 874-2212.

OMB Reviewer: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316.

Mary A. Able,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review;

Comment Request

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The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 19, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1414.

Form Number: IRS form 8846.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Credit for Employer Social Security and Medicare Taxes Paid on Certain Employee Tips.

Description: Employers in food or beverage establishments where tipping is customary can claim an income tax credit for the amount of social security

and Medicare taxes paid (employer's share) on tips, other than tips used to meet the minimum wage requirement.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 68,684.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping—8 hr., 7 min.

Learning about the law or the form—18 min.

Preparing and sending the form to the IRS—26 min.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting/

Recordkeeping Burden: 609,228 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1417.

Form Number: IRS form 8845.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Indian Employment Credit.

Description: Employers can claim a credit for hiring American Indians or their spouses to work within an Indian reservation. The credit is figured by multiplying by 20% the increase in wages and health insurance costs over the comparable amount paid or incurred during calendar year 1993.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 1,246.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping—7 hr., 53 min.

Learning about the law or the form—1 hr., 40 min.

Preparing and sending the form to the IRS—1 hr., 53 min.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting/

Recordkeeping Burden: 14,292 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1500.

Form Number: IRS form 8850.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Pre-Screening Notice and Certification Request for the Work Opportunity and Welfare-to-Work Credits.

Description: A job applicant completes and signs, under penalties of perjury, the top portion of the form to indicate that he or she is a member of a targeted group. If the employer has a belief that the applicant is a member of a targeted group, the employer signs the other portion of the form under penalties of perjury and submits it to the state employment security agency (SESA) as part of a written request for certification.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 400,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper: