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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.
Dated: July 11, 2016.
T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2016 0073]
Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel AIRLOOM; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 22, 2016

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2016–0073. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at http:// www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel AIRLOOM is: INTENDED COMMERCIAL USE OF VESSEL: Sailing tours.

GEOGRAPHIC REGION: “Washington State.”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2016–0073 at http://www.regulations.gov. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-flag vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Privacy Act
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).

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.
Dated: July 12, 2016.
T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2016–0077]
NHTSA Enforcement Guidance Bulletin 2016–03; Procedure for Invoking Paragraph 17 of the May 4, 2016 Amendment to the November 3, 2015 Takata Consent Order


ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is issuing this Enforcement Guidance Bulletin to inform the public of the process and procedure the Agency has established in connection with Paragraph 17 of the May 4, 2016 Amendment to the November 3, 2015 Consent Order with Takata Holdings Inc., and the standards and criteria that will guide Agency decision-making.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:  
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National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration, 1200 New Jersey  
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telephone: (202) 366–5263.  
For general information regarding  
NHTSA’s investigation into Takata Air  
Bag Inflator ruptures and the related  
calls: http://www.safercar.gov/rs/  
takata/index.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The  
National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration (NHTSA or Agency) is  
issuing this Enforcement Guidance  
Bulletin (the “Bulletin”) to inform the  
public of the circumstances under  
which NHTSA would consider invoking  
Paragraph 17 of the Agency’s May 4,  
2016 Amendment to the November 3,  
2015 Consent Order with TK Holdings  
Inc. (“Takata”) 1 to alter the recall  
schedule, as well as to provide guidance  
on the standards and criteria that would  
guide such decision-making.

I. Background

On June 11, 2014, NHTSA opened a  
formal defect investigation (Preliminary  
Evaluation, PE14–016) into certain  
Takata air bag inflators (“inflators”) that  
may become over-pressurized and/or  
rupture during air bag deployment,  
resulting in death or injury to the driver  
and/or passenger. On February 24, 2015,  
NHTSA upgraded and expanded this  
investigation (Engineering Analysis,  
EA15–001).

Subsequently, Takata agreed to  
submit four Defect Information Reports  
(DIRs) on May 18, 2014, declaring that  
a defect existed in certain inflator types  
that were manufactured by Takata  
during certain periods of time. See  
Recall Nos. 15E–040, 15E–041, 15E–042,  
and 15E–043. Those DIRs triggered an  
obligation on the part of affected motor  
vehicle manufacturers to conduct a  
recall of motor vehicles containing the  
defective inflators. See 49 CFR 573.5(a).

On November 3, 2015, NHTSA issued,  
and Takata agreed to, a Consent Order,  
which among other things established  
conditions upon which Takata would be  
required to expand the scope of the  
defective inflator population by filing  
future DIRs. Again, the filing of such  
DIRs by Takata triggered an obligation  
by the motor vehicle manufacturers to  
submit DIRs covering the affected motor  
vehicles and to conduct a recall of  
motor vehicles in which the defective  
inflators are installed. See 49 CFR  
573.3(f), 573.5(a); see also Coordinated  
Remedy Order at ¶ 46 (Nov. 3, 2015).

On May 4, 2016, NHTSA and Takata  
agreed to an Amendment to the  
November 3, 2015 Consent Order (the  
“Amendment”), under which Takata  
declared to recall a defect in all driver  
and passenger inflators that contain an  
ammonium nitrate-based propellant,  
and do not contain a moisture-absorbing  
desiccant. The Amendment was based  
upon the findings of three independent  
research organizations that most of the  
inflator ruptures are associated with  
long-term propellant degradation caused  
by years of exposure to temperature  
fluctuations and intrusion of moisture  
present in the ambient atmosphere. See  
Amendment at ¶ 2. Based upon the  
Agency’s conclusions regarding the root  
cause of the inflator ruptures, among  
other reasons, the recall is to be  
conducted on a rolling basis, with  
Takata filing additional DIRs on the  
following schedule (which is set forth in  
Paragraph 14 of the Amendment):

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<th>DIR dates</th>
<th>Zone A population</th>
<th>Zone B population</th>
<th>Zone C population</th>
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<td>May 16, 2016</td>
<td>All vehicles not currently under recall containing non-desiccated frontal Takata PSAN inflators—MY 2011 &amp; older.</td>
<td>All vehicles not currently under recall containing non-desiccated frontal Takata PSAN inflators—MY 2008 &amp; older.</td>
<td>All vehicles not currently under recall containing non-desiccated frontal Takata PSAN inflators—MY 2004 &amp; older.</td>
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<td>December 31, 2016</td>
<td>All vehicles not currently under recall containing non-desiccated frontal Takata PSAN inflators—MY 2012 &amp; older.</td>
<td>All vehicles not currently under recall containing non-desiccated frontal Takata PSAN inflators—MY 2009 &amp; older.</td>
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<td>All vehicles not currently under recall containing non-desiccated frontal Takata PSAN inflators—MY 2013 &amp; older.</td>
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<td>December 31, 2018</td>
<td>All remaining vehicles not currently under recall containing non-desiccated frontal Takata PSAN inflators.</td>
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<td>December 31, 2019</td>
<td>All like for like non-desiccated frontal Takata PSAN replacement parts.</td>
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As set forth in Paragraph 7.a. of the  
Amendment, Zone A comprises the  
states and U.S. territories with the  
greatest temperature cycling and  
absolute humidity. It includes the  
following states and U.S. territories:  
Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas,  
California, Colorado, Connecticut,  
Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts,  
Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New  
Hampshire, New York, North Dakota,  
Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota,  
Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin,  
and Wyoming. See Amendment at ¶ 7.c.  

The Amendment also sets forth a  
procedure under which the DIR  
schedule above may be modified or  
amended. More specifically, Paragraph  
17 provides:

Zone B comprises states with  
moderate temperature cycling and  
absolute humidity. It includes the  
following states: Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut,  
Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts,  
Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New  
Hampshire, New York, North Dakota,  
Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota,  
Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin,  
and Wyoming. See Amendment at ¶ 7.b.  

Zone C comprises states with lower  
temperature cycling and absolute  
humidity. It includes the following  
states: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia,  
Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, South  
Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico, American  
Samo, Guam, the Northern Mariana  
Islands (Saipan), and the U.S. Virgin  
Islands.

1 The November 3, 2015 Consent Order and May 4, 2016 Amendment are available on NHTSA’s Web  
Based on the presentation of additional test data, analysis, or other relevant and appropriate evidence, by Takata, an automobile manufacturer, or any other credible source, NHTSA may, after consultation with Takata, alter the schedule set forth in Paragraph 14 to modify or amend a DIR or to defer certain inflator types or vehicles, or a portion thereof, to a later DIR filing date. Any such evidence must be submitted to NHTSA no later than one-hundred-twenty (120) days before the relevant DIR filing date. This paragraph applies only to the DIRs scheduled to be issued on or after December 31, 2016 under the schedule established by Paragraph 14 of this Amendment.

The Agency believes it is important to provide additional guidance on the process and conditions under which NHTSA would consider altering the recall schedule to modify or amend a DIR or defer the filing of a DIR, as well as guidance on the standards and criteria that would guide such decision-making. This process shall not be used to expedite or expand the DIR schedule, nor shall it be used to eliminate a recall schedule to modify or amend a DIR or defer the filing of a DIR, as well as the untrue or misleading of the DIR filing date. This paragraph applies only to the DIRs scheduled to be issued on or after December 31, 2016 under the schedule established by Paragraph 14 of this Amendment.

II. Process and Procedure

A. Petition: No later than 120 days before the applicable DIR filing date, Takata, a vehicle manufacturer, or other credible source (the “petitioner”) may petition the Agency for a modification or amendment to the DIR schedule. The petition shall be in writing and shall be directed to the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, with a copy to Chief Counsel. The petition shall specify the precise modification or amendment to the DIR schedule being requested by the petitioner, including the affected vehicle makes, models, and model years (the “particular class of vehicles”). The petition shall also set forth all data, information, and arguments of the petitioner supporting its petition. To the extent the petitioner requests confidential treatment under 49 CFR part 512 in connection with any data, information, and arguments, it shall submit a publicly available summary of such confidential materials.

B. Public Notice and Comment: Within 14 days of receiving a petition, NHTSA shall publish a notice of the petition in the Federal Register. The notice shall include a brief summary of the petition, a description of the particular class of vehicles, a statement of the availability of the petition and other relevant information for public inspection, and an invitation to interested persons to submit written data, information, and arguments concerning the petition to a public docket. The notice of the petition shall also specify the deadline for submitting data, information, and arguments concerning the petition, which deadline shall not be less than 14 days after the Federal Register notice.

C. Disposition of the Petition: After reviewing the written data, views, and arguments from the petitioner and any interested persons, as well as other available information, and after consulting with Takata, the Associate Administrator for Enforcement shall make a decision whether to grant or deny the petition. Notice of the grant or denial of the petition shall be issued to the petition, and to Takata and any affected vehicle manufacturer, no less than 45 days before the relevant DIR filing date. Notice of the grant or denial of the petition shall also be published in the Federal Register.

D. Appeal: Within 14 days of notice of a grant or denial in the Federal Register, any interested person may appeal the grant or denial of the petition to the Administrator. An appeal shall be in writing and shall be directed to the Administrator, with a copy to the Chief Counsel. The Administrator will base his final decision on the data, information, and arguments submitted in support of the petition and during the comment period, and other available information. The final decision will be issued no less than 5 days before the applicable DIR filing date. Notice of final decision shall also be published in the Federal Register.

III. Standard of Proof

NHTSA may grant the petition if the Agency finds that the written data, information, and arguments regarding the petition and other available information demonstrate, by a preponderance of the evidence, that either: (i) There has not yet been, nor will be for some period of years in the future, sufficient propellant degradation to render the inflators contained in the particular class of vehicles unreasonably dangerous in terms of susceptibility to rupture; or (ii) the service life expectancy of the inflators installed in the particular class of vehicles is sufficiently long that they will not pose an unreasonable risk to motor vehicle safety if recalled at a later date.

The Agency may rely on any relevant criteria in determining whether the available evidence satisfies the standard of proof. Generally, a petitioner may satisfy the standard of proof by submitting evidence concerning the physical attributes of the category of inflator to be recalled. Such evidence may include, but is not limited to, inflator diffusion rates, booster and propellant moisture content (over time), wafer diameter, and closed-bomb test data. In evaluating this evidence, the Agency will closely scrutinize the number of inflators tested, the age of the inflators tested, and the history of the vehicles from which the inflators were removed. A petitioner may also satisfy the standard of proof through robust predictive modeling, which modeling shall be independently verified by NHTSA’s expert, Dr. Harold Bloquist. In all instances, a petition will be denied if there has been a rupture incident in the field or in testing that involves the inflator type contained in the particular class of vehicles at issue.

Applicability/Legal Statement: This Enforcement Guidance Bulletin sets forth NHTSA’s current interpretation and thinking on the process and procedures under Paragraph 17 of the Amendment, and the standards and criteria that will guide its decision-making. This Bulletin is not a final agency action and is intended as guidance only. This Bulletin is not intended, nor can it be relied upon, to create any rights enforceable by any party against NHTSA, the Department of Transportation, or the United States. Moreover, the process and procedures set forth herein do not establish any defense to any violations of the statutes and regulations that NHTSA administers. This Bulletin may be revised without notice to reflect changes in NHTSA’s evaluation and analysis, or to clarify and update text.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30101, et seq., 30118, 30162, 30166(b)(1), 30166(g)(1); delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.95(a).

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Mark R. Rosekind, Ph.D.
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0095]

Agency Information Collection (Pension Claim Questionnaire for Farm Income, VA Form 21P–4165); Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of