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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Proposed Technical Standard Order (TSO)-C166, Extended Squitter Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B) and Traffic Information Service—Broadcast (TIS-B) Equipment Operating on the Radio Frequency of 1090 Megahertz (MHz)**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and requests for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the re-issuance of the proposed Technical Standard Order (TSO)-C166, Extended Squitter Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B) and Traffic Information Service (TIS-B) Equipment Operating on the Radio Frequency of 1090 Megahertz (MHz). Comments received from the initial August 11, 2003, presentation resulted in significant changes to the TSO, including the addition of an Appendix A to address corrections to the proposed RTCA Inc., Document (RTCA/DO)-260A, Minimum Operational Performance Standards for 1090 MHz Extended Squitter Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B) and Traffic Information Services—Broadcast (TIS-B), dated April 10, 2003. The resulting changes to this proposed TSO tells persons seeking a TSO authorization or letter of design approval what minimum performance standards (MPS) their Extended Squitter ADS-B and TIS-B equipment must meet to be identified with the applicable TSO marking.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 31, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments on the proposed technical standard order to: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Avionic Systems Branch, AIR-130, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. ATTN: Mr. Robert Duffer. Or deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Duffer, Federal Aviation

Administration, Aircraft Certification service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Avionic Systems Branch, AIR-30, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Telephone (202) 385-4557, FAX: (202) 385-4651.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Comments Invited**

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed TSO listed in this notice by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they desire to the above specified address.

Comments received on the proposed TSO may be examined, before and after the comment closing date, in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Buildings, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All communications received on or before the closing date will be considered by the Director of the Aircraft Certification Service before issuing the final TSO.

##### **Background**

This proposed TSO prescribes the MPS for airborne equipment to support Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B) using Extended Squitter equipment operating on the frequency of 1090 MHz. ADS-B is a system by which aircraft and certain equipped surface vehicles can share position, velocity, and other information with one another, and with ground-based facilities such as air traffic services via radio broadcast techniques. Extended Squitter ADS-B will also support the reception of Traffic Information Service—Broadcast (TIS-B) messages. Two major classes of 1090 MHz Extended Squitter ADS-B equipment are supported by this proposed TSO: Class A( ) equipment which incorporates both a broadcast and receive subsystem, and Class B( ) equipment which supports broadcast only. It should be noted that upon final issuance of TSO-C166 the FAA will no longer accept applications for the incorporation of 1090 MHz Modes S Extended Squitter Broadcast under TSO-C112, unless the equipment also meets the minimum performance requirements of TSO-C166.

##### **How To Obtain Copies**

You may get a copy of the proposed TSO from the Internet at: <http://av-info.faa.gov/tso/Tsopro/Proposed.htm>. See section entitled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** for the complete address if requesting a copy by mail. You may inspect the RTCA document at the FAA office location listed under **ADDRESS.** Note however, RTCA

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **TSO-C163, VDL Mode 3 Communications Equipment Operating Within the Frequency Range 117.975 to 137.000 Megahertz (MHz)**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Availability of TSO-C163.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the Technical Standard Order (TSO) for VDL Mode 3 Communications Equipment Operating within the Frequency Range 117.975 to 137.000 MHz. The VDL Mode 3 TSO recognizes the RTCA document No. (RTCA/DO)-271B, Minimum Operational Performance Standards (MOPS) for Aircraft VDL Mode 3 Transceiver Operating in the Frequency Range 117.975-137.000 MHz, as the minimum performance standards (MPS) for VDL Mode 3 equipment.

**DATES:** The effective date for TSO-C163 is April 29, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Gregory E. Frye, Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, AIR-130, 470 L'Enfant Plaza, Suite 4107, SW., Washington, DC 20024; Telephone: (202) 385-4649, FAX: (202) 385-4651; E-mail address: [gregory.e.frye@faa.gov](mailto:gregory.e.frye@faa.gov).

##### **How To Obtain Copies**

You may get a copy of TSO-C163 from the Internet at (<http://av-info.faa.gov/tso/Tsotur/Current.htm>). See section entitled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** for the complete address if requesting a copy by mail. You may inspect the RTCA document at: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays except Federal holidays, between 8:30

a.m. and 4:30 p.m. However, RTCA documents are copyrighted and may not be reproduced without the written consent of RTCA, Inc. You may purchase copies of Document No. RTCA/DO-271B from: RTCA Inc., 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 807, Washington, DC 20036 (Web site: <http://www.rtca.org>.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-2004-04-17176]

#### Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections.

This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 6, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that one original plus two copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Complete copies of each request for collection of information may be

obtained at no charge from Mary Versailles, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5320, NVS-131, Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Versailles' telephone number is (202) 366-2057. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5CFR 1320.8(d), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collection of information for which the agency is seeking extension of approval from OMB:

*Title:* 49 CFR 583—Automobile Parts Content Labeling.

*OMB Control Number:* 2127-0573.

*Form Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* Vehicle manufacturers.

*Requested Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years from approval date.

*Abstract:* Part 583 establishes requirements for the disclosure of information relating to the countries of origin of the equipment of new passenger motor vehicles. This information will be used by NHTSA to determine whether manufacturers are complying with the American

Automobile Labeling Act (49 U.S.C. 32304). The American Automobile Labeling Act requires all new passenger motor vehicles (including passenger cars, certain small buses, all light trucks and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 8,500 pounds or less), to bear labels providing information about domestic and foreign content of their equipment. With the affixed label on the new passenger motor vehicles, it serves as an aid to potential purchasers in the selection of new passenger motor vehicles by providing them with information about the value of the U.S./ Canadian and foreign parts of each vehicle, the countries of origin of the engine and transmission, and the site of the vehicle's final assembly.

NHTSA anticipates that no more than 20 vehicle manufacturers will be affected by these reporting requirements. NHTSA does not believe that any of these 20 manufacturers are a small business (*i.e.*, one that employs less than 500 persons) since each manufacturer employs more than 500 persons. Manufacturers of new passenger motor vehicles, including passenger cars, certain small buses, and light trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating of 8,500 pounds or less, must file a report annually.

NHTSA estimates that the vehicle manufacturers will incur a total annual reporting and cost burden of 6,066 hours and \$4,700,000. The amount includes annual burden hours incurred by multi-stage manufacturers and motor vehicle equipment suppliers.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2004-17647]

#### Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 2001-2002 Mercedes Benz C-320 (203) Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 2001-2002 Mercedes Benz C-320 (203) passenger cars are eligible for importation.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic