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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 14 January 2026, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

Title: The Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule III for Model Years 2022 to 2031 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks

| Reason for Addendum: | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Comment period changed - date: 4 February 2026 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Notified measure adopted - date: |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Text of final measure available from ¹ : |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date: Relevant symbol if measure re-notified: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from ¹ : New deadline for comments (if applicable): |
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Description: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is announcing a 15-day extension of the comment period for the proposed rule (notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/2253](#)) entitled The Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule III for Model Years 2022 to 2031 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks, published in the 5 December 2025 issue of the Federal Register. NHTSA is also extending the comment period for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS) that accompanies the proposed rule. The comment period was to end on 20 January 2026 (45 days after publication of the proposed rule in the Federal Register). This document extends the comment period to February 4 to allow the public additional time to comment on the proposed rule. NHTSA is denying requests for additional public hearings based on the number of testifiers that signed up to testify for NHTSA's virtual public hearing, which was announced via Federal Register notice (notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/2253/Add.1](#)) on 12 December 2025 and held on 7 January 2026.

The comment period for the proposed rule ([90 FR 56438](#)) published 5 December 2025, is extended. Comments on the proposed rule and Draft SEIS must be received by 4 February 2026. Late-filed comments may be considered so far as possible without incurring additional expense or delay.

¹ This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

91 Federal Register (FR) 1494, 14 January 2026; [Title 49](#) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts [523](#), [531](#), [533](#), [536](#), and [537](#):

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-01-14/html/2026-00537.htm>

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This notification of public hearing and the notice of proposed rulemaking notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/2253](#) are identified by Docket Numbers NHTSA-2025-0491. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NHTSA-2025-0491/document> and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](#) by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](#) by or before [4pm Eastern Time](#) on 4 February 2026. Comments received from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the NHTSA and will also be submitted to the [Docket](#) on [Regulations.gov](#) if received within the comment period.

Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS) Notice of Intent content, Summary and Appendices:

https://downloads.regulations.gov/NHTSA-2025-0490-0001/attachment_1.pdf

https://downloads.regulations.gov/NHTSA-2025-0490-0001/attachment_2.pdf

https://downloads.regulations.gov/NHTSA-2025-0490-0001/attachment_3.pdf

https://downloads.regulations.gov/NHTSA-2025-0490-0001/attachment_4.pdf

The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS) that accompanies the proposal is identified by Docket Number NHTSA-2025-0490. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NHTSA-2025-0490/document> and provides access to the Draft SEIS-Notice of Intent content, Summary and Appendices.
