

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration

49 CFR Parts 573, 576 and 577

[Docket No. 93-68, Notice 6]

**Defect and Noncompliance Reports;
Record Retention; Defect and
Noncompliance Notification;
Suspension of Effective Date**

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

ACTION: Suspension of effective date of
provisions of final rule.

SUMMARY: This document suspends
until further notice the effective dates of
amendments to 49 CFR Part 576 (record
retention) and 49 CFR sections
573.5(c)(8) (recall schedule); 573.7
(leased vehicle recordkeeping); and
577.5(h) (recall notification of lessees)
promulgated by a final rule published in
the **Federal Register** on April 5, 1995
(60 FR 17254). The suspension will
permit the agency to gather further
information on issues raised by
petitions for reconsideration of those

sections and to consider those issues
further. All other amendments made by
the April 5 final rule not specified above
are effective on July 7, 1995.

DATES: The effective date of the April 5,
1995 amendments to 49 CFR Part 576
and 49 CFR 573.5(c)(8) and 573.7 and
the addition of § 577.5(h) is suspended
pending resolution of petitions for
reconsideration. The effective date (as
established on May 16, 1995 (60 FR
26002)) of all other amendments made
by the April 5 final rule remains July 7,
1995.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By this
notice, the National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration (NHTSA) is
suspending the effective date of certain
provisions of a final rule published on
April 5, 1995. 60 FR 17254. The original
effective date of these amendments was
May 5, 1995. The agency established a
new effective date of July 7, 1995 (60 FR
26002; May 16, 1995), after having
received several petitions for

reconsideration of the final rule shortly
before the original effective date.

The agency has decided to solicit
from the public additional information
on certain provisions of the final rule
that are the subjects of the petitions for
reconsideration by holding a public
meeting and providing an opportunity
for written submissions. Notice of that
meeting is published today in a separate
Federal Register notice.

To give NHTSA an adequate
opportunity to gather and consider
additional information on those
specified issues, before ruling on the
petitions for reconsideration, the agency
has decided to suspend the effective
date of certain provisions of the April 5,
1995 final rule. This extension applies
only to the amendments to 49 CFR Part
576, Record Retention, and 49 CFR
573.5(c)(8) (recall schedule), 573.7
(leased vehicle recordkeeping), and the
addition of § 577.5(h) (recall notification
of lessees). All other amendments made
by the April 5, 1995 final rule will be
effective on July 7, 1995.

Ricardo Martinez,
Administrator.

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