

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[Docket No. NHTSA 2002-13989; Notice 1]

**Glaval Bus, Inc., Receipt of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance**

Glaval Bus Inc. (Glaval) has determined that a total of 900 "Glaval Model Universal, Primetime, & Titan buses" do not meet the labeling requirements mandated by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 208, "Occupant Crash Protection."

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h), Glaval has petitioned for a determination that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety and has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports."

This notice of receipt of an application is published under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120 and does not represent any agency decision or other exercise of judgment concerning the merits of the application.

**Description of the Noncompliance**

During the period of January 1, 1999 through August 16, 2002, Glaval manufactured 900 buses with erroneous labeling. Of this total, all have been delivered to end users.

FMVSS No. 208 (S4.5.1(b)) requires vehicles to have a warning label permanently affixed to the sun visor concerning air bags. FMVSS No. 208 (S4.5.1(b)(3)) prohibits any other information from being on the same side of the sun visor as the air bag warning label, except an air bag maintenance label or a utility vehicle rollover warning label.

The noncompliance relates to the prohibition in S4.5.1(b)(3), in that Glaval was applying a passenger capacity label and in some instances a back up warning label to the sun visor next to the air bag warning label.

**Information Supporting the Application**

Glaval does not believe that this noncompliance will impact motor vehicle safety because most buses built by Glaval require the driver to have a Commercial Driver's License and these drivers are required to do a pre-trip inspection during which it is highly unlikely they would not notice that the bus had an air bag.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on the application described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to:

U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. It is requested that two copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated below will be considered. The application and supporting materials, and all comments received after the closing date, will also be filed and will be considered to the extent possible. When the application is granted or denied, the notice will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below. Comment closing date: January 17, 2003.

**Authority:** (49 U.S.C. 301118, 301120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8).

Issued on: December 13, 2002.

**Stephen R. Kratzke,**

*Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Internal Revenue Service****Open Meeting of the Area 6 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming)**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Area 6 Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Monday, January 27, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anne Gruber at 1-888-912-1227, or 206-220-6096.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Area 6 Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Monday, January 27, 2003 from 2 pm PST to 4 pm PST via a telephone conference call. The public is invited to make oral comments. Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes. If you would like to have the TAP consider an oral or written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096, or write Anne Gruber, TAP Office, 915 2nd Ave, M/S W406, Seattle, WA 98174. Due to limited

conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Anne Gruber. Ms. Gruber can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

**Note:** Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: December 12, 2002.

**Maryclare Whitehead,**

*Executive Assistant to the National Taxpayer Advocate.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Internal Revenue Service****Open Meeting of the Area 5 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas)**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Area 5 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Monday, January 13, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227, or (414) 297-1604.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Area 5 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Monday, January 13, 2003, from 2:30 p.m. central time to 3:30 p.m. central time via a telephone conference call. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. You can submit written comments to the panel by faxing to (414) 297-1623, or by mail to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Stop1006MIL, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221. Public comments will also be welcome during the meeting. Please contact Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227 or (414) 297-1604 for dial-in information.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

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