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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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[Docket No. NHTSA-2026-1519]

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Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Modernization of FMVSS No. 108 to Accommodate ADS-Equipped Vehicles

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

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: In response to requests from the Alliance for Automotive Innovation (the Alliance), Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) International, and Gatik AI Inc. (Gatik), NHTSA is announcing a 15-day extension of the public comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published on October 26, 2026 proposing to amend Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 108, "Lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment." The proposed modifications would distinguish how regulations apply to vehicles with and without manually operated driving controls. The comment period for the notice was originally scheduled to end on November 25, 2026. It will now end on December 10, 2026.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published at 91 FR 67243 on October 26, 2026 is extended to December 10, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the docket number in the heading of this document through any of the following methods:

- *Electronic submissions:* Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* (202) 493-2251.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., West Building, Suite W58-213, Washington, D.C. 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9826 or (202) 366-9317 before coming.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of NHTSA's 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 (65 FR 19477–78) or you may visit https://www.transportation.gov/privacy.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to http://www.regulations.gov or the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets via the internet.

Confidential Business Information: If you claim that any of the information in your comment (including any additional documents or attachments) constitutes confidential business information within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) or is protected from disclosure pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1905, please see the detailed instructions given under the Public Participation heading of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

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202-493-2739. For legal issues, you may contact Mr. David Jasinski, NHTSA Office of the Chief Counsel, Email: David.Jasinski@dot.gov. The mailing address of these officials is: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On October 26, 2026, NHTSA published an NPRM proposing to amend FMVSS No. 108.[1] The proposed updates to the standard are intended to remove unnecessary requirements and to provide design flexibility without impact on vehicle safety. The first two proposed changes would amend the test voltage specification for integral beam headlamps and remove requirements that apply to vertical headlamp arrangements. Further proposed changes address vehicles equipped with Automated Driving Systems (ADS) that do not have manually operated driving controls. Those modifications would limit the application of certain requirements for manually operated turn signal, hazard warning signal, and beam switching controls to vehicles with manually operated driving controls. The changes are intended to address regulatory burdens and costs associated with equipment that does not fulfill the same purpose or provide safety benefits in an ADS-equipped vehicle without manually operated driving controls as in a vehicle with such controls. The changes would also narrow certain requirements for telltales to vehicles with manually operated driving controls and incorporate the term "telltale" where appropriate throughout the standard. Finally, a proposed addition to the standard would allow cyan-colored ADS marker lamps as optional motor vehicle lighting equipment in ADS-equipped vehicles. The notice provided a 30-day comment period which closes on November 25, 2026.

NHTSA received a request from the Alliance on October 26, 2026 for a 15-day extension of the comment period.[2] The Alliance stated that the NPRM's 30-day comment period is insufficient given the technical and legal complexity of the proposed lighting requirements, their

[1] 91 FR 67243.

[2] Alliance for Automotive Innovation, Docket No. NHTSA-2026-1519-0009.

application to ADS-specific designs, and their potential effects on both ADS-equipped and traditional vehicles. The requested 15-day extension, the Alliance indicated, would support more substantive public feedback without materially delaying final rulemaking activity. NHTSA received similar requests from Gatik and SAE International. While Gatik also requested a 15-day extension, SAE International requested a 20-day extension. SAE International also asked if an extension is not granted, that NHTSA consider a partial submission within the time window with a subsequent filing after the closing date.

NHTSA is granting the request to extend the comment period by 15 days. NHTSA has determined that the requestors have shown good cause for an extension and that the extension is consistent with the public interest. A 15-day extension appropriately balances NHTSA's interest in providing the public with sufficient time to comment on the notice with its interest in obtaining specific feedback from stakeholders in a timely manner. In addition, to the extent possible NHTSA will also consider comments that Docket Management receives after the closing date. If Docket Management receives a comment too late for us to consider in developing the final rule, NHTSA will consider that comment as an informal suggestion for future rulemaking action. Accordingly, NHTSA is extending the comment period until December 10, 2026.[3]

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 322, 30111, 30115, 30117, and 30166; delegation of authority in 49 CFR 1.95.

Jonathan Morrison,

Administrator.

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[3] Readers should note that, even after the comment closing date has passed, interested persons are able to file comments in the docket, which NHTSA will consider to the extent practicable. NHTSA may also continue to file relevant information in the docket as it becomes available. Accordingly, the Agency recommends that readers periodically check the docket for new material.