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NHTSA's Proposal to Mandate that Automobile Manufacturers Incorporate Vehicle-to-Vehicle Capabilities into New Cars – an Update

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We previously published a Client Alert concerning NHTSA's proposal to establish a new Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) -- No. 150 -- that would mandate vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) communications for new light vehicles and to standardize the message and format of V2V transmissions. [client-alert-detail/NHTSAa-Proposal-to-Mandate-that-Automobile-Manufactures-Incorporate-Vehicle-to-Vehicle-Capabilities-into-New-Cars.html](#) As we explained, because V2V communications can be a critical component of automated vehicle technologies, the automobile industry should take this opportunity to comment on the NHTSA proposals. NHTSA will rely on the record developed in this proceeding to determine whether V2V should be mandated, as well as whether any of the details of its proposals should be adopted as proposed or refined in some ways. The comment date will be triggered by the publication of the NHTSA Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the Federal Register, which has now been scheduled to occur on January 12, 2017. Comments are due 90 days after that date, which would be April 12, 2017. Lawyers with Butzel Long will be happy to assist with formulating and submitting comments to NHTSA.

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