

January 10, 2018

1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, D.C. 20590

In Reply Refer To: HSST-1/B-294

Michael van der Vlist Laura Metaal Road Safety Rimburgerweg 40, 647 XX Kerkrade Netherlands

Dear Mr. van der Vlist:

This letter is in response to your August 23, 2017 request for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to review a roadside safety device, hardware, or system for eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program. This FHWA letter of eligibility is assigned FHWA control number B-294 and is valid until a subsequent letter is issued by FHWA that expressly references this device.

# **Decision**

The following devices are eligible, with details provided in the form which is attached as an integral part of this letter:

• SafeZone MASH TL-4 Limited Deflection

## **Scope of this Letter**

To be found eligible for Federal-aid funding, new roadside safety devices should meet the crash test and evaluation criteria contained in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH). However, the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, and the United States Government do not regulate the manufacture of roadside safety devices. Eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program does not establish approval, certification or endorsement of the device for any particular purpose or use.

This letter is not a determination by the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, or the United States Government that a vehicle crash involving the device will result in any particular outcome, nor is it a guarantee of the in-service performance of this device. Proper manufacturing, installation, and maintenance are required in order for this device to function as tested.

This finding of eligibility is limited to the crashworthiness of the system and does not cover other structural features, nor conformity with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

# **Eligibility for Reimbursement**

Based solely on a review of crash test results and certifications submitted by the manufacturer, and the crash test laboratory, FHWA agrees that the device described herein meets the crash test and evaluation criteria of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH). Therefore, the device is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program if installed under the range of tested conditions.

Name of system: SafeZone MASH TL-4 Limited Deflection

Type of system: Rigid/Semi-Rigid Barriers

Test Level: MASH Test Level 4

Testing conducted by: Crashtest-service.com GmbH

Date of request: August 24, 2017

FHWA concurs with the recommendation of the accredited crash testing laboratory as stated within the attached form.

# Full Description of the Eligible Device

The device and supporting documentation, including reports of the crash tests or other testing done, videos of any crash testing, and/or drawings of the device, are described in the attached form.

## **Notice**

This eligibility letter is issued for the subject device as tested. Modifications made to the device are not covered by this letter and will need to be tested in accordance with all recommended tests in AASHTO's MASH as part of a new and separate submittal.

You are expected to supply potential users with sufficient information on design, installation and maintenance requirements to ensure proper performance.

You are expected to certify to potential users that the hardware furnished has the same chemistry, mechanical properties, and geometry as that submitted for review, and that it will meet the test and evaluation criteria of AASHTO's MASH.

Issuance of this letter does not convey property rights of any sort or any exclusive privilege. This letter is based on the premise that information and reports submitted by you are accurate and correct. We reserve the right to modify or revoke this letter if: (1) there are any inaccuracies in the information submitted in support of your request for this letter, (2) the qualification testing

was flawed, (3) in-service performance or other information reveals safety problems, (4) the system is significantly different from the version that was crash tested, or (5) any other information indicates that the letter was issued in error or otherwise does not reflect full and complete information about the crashworthiness of the system.

# **Standard Provisions**

- To prevent misunderstanding by others, this letter of eligibility designated as FHWA control number B-294 shall not be reproduced except in full. This letter and the test documentation upon which it is based are public information. All such letters and documentation may be reviewed upon request.
- This letter shall not be construed as authorization or consent by the FHWA to use, manufacture, or sell any patented system for which the applicant is not the patent holder.
- If the subject device is a patented product it may be considered to be proprietary. If proprietary systems are specified by a highway agency for use on Federal-aid projects: (a) they must be supplied through competitive bidding with equally suitable unpatented items; (b) the highway agency must certify that they are essential for synchronization with the existing highway facilities or that no equally suitable alternative exists; or (c) they must be used for research or for a distinctive type of construction on relatively short sections of road for experimental purposes. Our regulations concerning proprietary products are contained in Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 635.411.

Sincerely,

Michael Griffith Director, Office of Safety Technologies Office of Safety

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Enclosures

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# Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility of Highway Safety Hardware

	Date of Request:	August 24, 2017	<ul><li>New</li></ul>	
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Submitter		Laura Metaal Road Safety		
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	Country:	The Netherlands		
	To:	Michael S. Griffith, Director FHWA, Office of Safety Technologies		

I request the following devices be considered eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program.

# <u>Device & Testing Criterion - Enter from right to left starting with Test Level</u>

System Type	Submission Type	Device Name / Variant	Testing Criterion	Test Level
'B': Rigid/Semi-Rigid Barriers (Roadside, Median, Bridge Railings)		SafeZone MASH TL-4 Limited Deflection	AASHTO MASH	TL4

By submitting this request for review and evaluation by the Federal Highway Administration, I certify that the product(s) was (were) tested in conformity with the AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware and that the evaluation results meet the appropriate evaluation criteria in the MASH.

#### **Individual or Organization responsible for the product:**

service.com GmbH

Contact Name:	Michael van der Vlist	Same as Submitter 🔀		
Company Name:	Company Name: Laura Metaal Road Safety Same as Submitter 🔀			
Address:	Rimburgerweg 40, 6471 XX Kerkrade	Same as Submitter 🔀		
Country:	Country: The Netherlands Same as Submitter 🖂			
Enter below all disclosures of financial interests as required by the FHWA `Federal-Aid Reimbursement Eligibility Process for Safety Hardware Devices' document.				
With respect to Laura Metaal Road Safety, Crashtest-service.com GmbH does not hold any financial interests. Laura Metaal Road Safety contracted Crashtest-service.com GmbH for the services of crash testing our product SafeZone according to specifications of AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) Tests 3-10 and 3-11. Crashtest-service.com GmbH was compensated for the cost of the crash tests. No consulting relationship,				

research funding or other forms of research support, patents, copyrights, other intellectual property interests, licenses, contractual relationships, business ownership or investments interests are retained for Crashtest-

# PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

• New Hardware or Significant Modification	, Modification to Existing Hardware		
Laura Metaal Road Safety. It is d applications. The system is typic together to form the desired tot Joining of the sections is done be sections securely fastened. If de-	Safe Zone system is a proprietary modular high containment and low deflection steel barrier developed by Laura Metaal Road Safety. It is designed for both permanent and temporary use in construction and roadwork applications. The system is typically deployed in 5.8 m (19') standard sections that can quickly be connected ogether to form the desired total length of barrier wall.  oining of the sections is done by linking them together and applying one security bolt per section to keep th ections securely fastened. If desired, two or three sections can remain connected permanently to form 11.6 n (38') or 17.4 m (54') combined sections for quicker placement on the road.		
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reports, but renumbered with Mapplication.	The used MASH TL4-10 and MASH TL4-11 tests reports are identical to the MASH TL3-10 and MASH TL3-11 reports, but renumbered with MASH TL-4 numbering of the tests in order to avoid confusion for the MASH TL4 application.		
	CRASH TESTING		
all of the critical and relevant cra	r affiliated with the testing laboratory, agrees in suppo sh tests for this device listed above were conducted to nined that no other crash tests are necessary to detern	meet the MASH test	
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Engineer Signature:	Peter Schimmelpfennig Digital unterschrie Datum: 2017.11.10	ben von Peter Schimmelpfennig 0 16:09:05 +01'00'	
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A brief description of each crash test and its result:

Required Test Number    Description   Description			Page 3 of 4
11775-2887/18649 performed 20 April 2017 by Crashtest-Service.com. Test number and test report number are identical with the 3-10 test and report. Only change is using test title 4-10 instead of 3-10. This is done to make applications for test levels consistent.  4-10 (1100C)  The 32" high longitudinal barrier contained and redirected the 1100C vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride or override the installation. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 13.8". No significant parts separated from either vehicle or barrier. No occupant compartment deformation or intrusion occurred. The vehicle remained upright during and after the impact.  Test nr. 18664. Test report nr. 11775-2887/18664 performed 19 April 2017 by Crashtest-service.com. Test number and test report number are identical with the 3-11 test and report. Only change is using test title 4-11 instead of 3-11. This is done to make applications for test levels consistent. The 32" high longitudinal barrier contained and redirected the 2270P vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride or override the installation. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 25.2". No significant parts separated from either vehicle or barrier. No occupant compartment deformation or intrusion occurred. The vehicle remained upright during and after the impact.  Test nr. 18651. Test report nr. 11775-2877/18651 performed 08 May 2017 by Crashthest-service.com. The 32" high longitudinal barrier contained and redirected the 100005 vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride or override the installation. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 16.5". No significant parts separated from either vehicle or barrier during impact. The vehicle fell over to the left during impact. The vehicle fell over to the left during impact. The vehicle fell over to the left during impact. The vehicle fell over to the left during impact. The vehicle fell over to the left during impact. The vehicle fell over to the left during impact. The vehicle fell over to the lef		11 0-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1	2 N. A. S.
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	4-21 (2270P)		

Required Test	Narrative	Evaluation
Number	Description	Results
4-22 (10000S)	Device is stand alone. 4-22 now not relevant	

Full Scale Crash Testing was done in compliance with MASH by the following accredited crash test laboratory (cite the laboratory's accreditation status as noted in the crash test reports.):

Laboratory Name:	Crashtest-service.com GmbH	
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Submitter Signature\*: Michael van der

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

### Attach to this form:

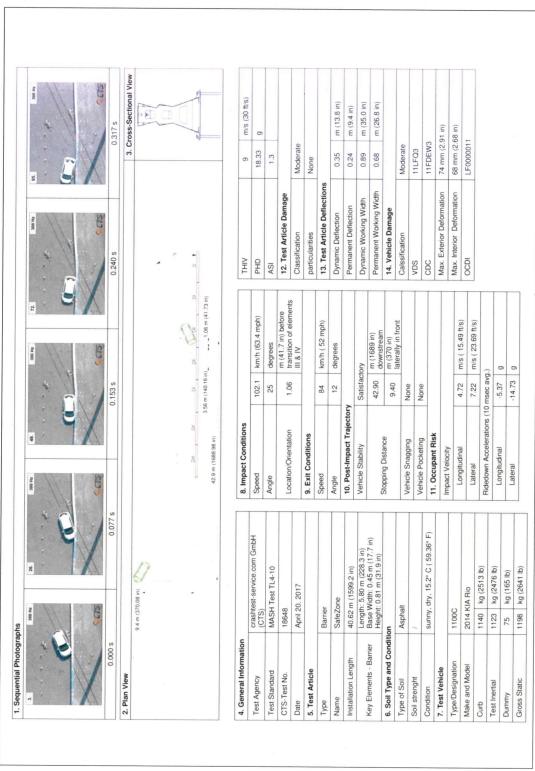
- 1) Additional disclosures of related financial interest as indicated above.
- 2) A copy of the full test report, video, and a Test Data Summary Sheet for each test conducted in support of this request.
- 3) A drawing or drawings of the device(s) that conform to the Task Force-13 Drawing Specifications [Hardware Guide Drawing Standards]. For proprietary products, a single isometric line drawing is usually acceptable to illustrate the product, with detailed specifications, intended use, and contact information provided on the reverse. Additional drawings (not in TF-13 format) showing details that are relevant to understanding the dimensions and performance of the device should also be submitted to facilitate our review.

#### **FHWA Official Business Only:**

Eligibi	ility Letter	
Number	Date	Key Words

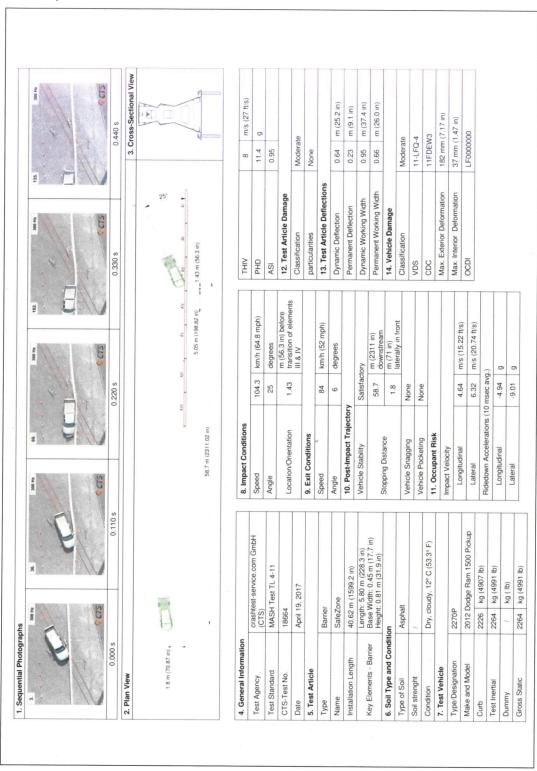


## Summary of Crash Test Results





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# A.1 Maker's drawings of the item to be tested

