



After several delays, NHTSA are reviewing a revised rule that could require automakers to install rear-view cameras in more new vehicles.

The reworked regulation would set new rearward-visibility standards for light vehicles sold in the United States. The standards are intended to prevent children being run over by reversing vehicles.

Depending on the stringency of the final rules, automakers might elect to install the cameras in all of their models, and the standards may also allow automakers to comply by making changes less costly than adding a camera system. The notice of proposed rulemaking indicates the agency intends to release the final rule by January 2015, as former Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said before he left NHTSA last year.

NHTSA have delayed the release of a final rule four times from December 2011 to January 2015. The original proposal, released in 2010, would have required all new light vehicles to be sold with rear-vision cameras by 2014. NHTSA said adding a backup camera to a vehicle would cost \$58 to \$203, and large-scale installation would save around 100 lives per year.

Backup cameras have become more common since then, as car buyers have started to demand the technology and more vehicles have been sold with big navigation screens that can easily display the video feed from such a camera.