

Comment from Ruth Schiedermayer

There should be no need to allow manufacturers to brand their cars with annoying additional sound that doesn't sound like a vehicle motor. The selections of sounds from a menu should be limited to motor vehicle sounds until there has been enough additional research in how best to notify people outside the vehicle that it is a vehicle. We need to make sure the pedestrians are the primary focus of any sounds supplied. When attempting to provide situation awareness to pedestrians and other people outside of the vehicle any sounds shouldn't require additional learning by them that the noise they are hearing is related to a motor vehicle.

If left open to just any sounds then ridiculous noises could be supplied as after-market features including intentional startling noise, excessive volume noises, sounds completely unrelated to transportation, misleading sounds, sounds that could be misinterpreted, animal noises, show tunes, human speech, sounds containing excessive low-frequency components, and so forth.