

continues to meet the standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), and (b) by a medical examiner who attests that the individual is otherwise physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41; (2) that each individual provide a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) that each individual provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file, or keep a copy in his/her driver's qualification file if he/she is self-employed. The driver must also have a copy of the certification when driving, so it may be presented to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31316(e), each exemption will be valid for 2 years unless revoked earlier by the FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31316. If the exemption is still effective at the end of the 2-year period, the person may apply to the FMCSA for a renewal under procedures in effect at that time.

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Brian M. McLaughlin,

Associate Administrator, Policy and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2002-13272]

Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Part 573; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.
ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This document describes a renewal of a collection of information for 49 CFR part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, currently assigned the OMB control number 2127-0004, for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document.

Pursuant to OMB's regulations (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), public comments are invited on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 8, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket and notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and must be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. The Docket is open on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. George Person, Office of Defects Investigation, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5326, Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Person's telephone number is (202) 366-5210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 49 CFR part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Type of Request: Renewal.

OMB Clearance Number: 2127-0004.

Requested Expiration Date of

Approval: Three years from effective date of final rule.

Summary of Collection of Information: NHTSA's statute at 49 U.S.C. 30112 and 30116 through 30121 requires manufacturers of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment to recall and remedy their products that do not comply with applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards or that

contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety. The manufacturer must notify NHTSA, owners, purchasers, and dealers of such defects and noncompliances. Additionally, the manufacturer must furnish NHTSA with a true copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications to the manufacturer's dealers, owners and purchasers regarding any defect or noncompliance in the manufacturer's vehicle or item of equipment.

To implement this authority, in 1978 NHTSA promulgated 49 CFR part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, (with amendments through 2002). This regulation sets out the following requirements, among others:

(1) Manufacturers are to provide specific information in reports that must be filed with NHTSA within five working days of a decision that a safety-related defect or noncompliance exists;

(2) Manufacturers are to submit quarterly reports to NHTSA on the progress of recall campaigns for six consecutive calendar quarters beginning with the quarter in which the campaign was initiated;

(3) Manufacturers are to furnish copies to NHTSA of notices, bulletins, and other communications to dealers, owners, or purchasers regarding any defect or noncompliance; and

(4) Manufacturers are to retain records of owners or purchasers of their products that have been involved in a recall campaign.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information: NHTSA needs this

information to ensure that manufacturers are remedying safety-related defects and noncompliances in their products. Additionally, NHTSA makes this information available to the public. If the manufacturers did not provide the information, it would be a violation of law which could subject the manufacturer to a civil penalty and possible injunctive sanctions, and NHTSA's efforts to monitor the effectiveness of recall campaigns, as part of its overall mission of improving public safety on the Nation's highways, would be substantially impaired.

Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number and Proposed Frequency of Responses to the Collection of Information): All manufacturers of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment are required to comply with these requirements whenever they conduct a recall. There have been approximately 500 such reports provided to NHTSA annually in recent years. Although fewer than 250 manufacturers submit such reports in any given year, there are approximately

26,000 manufacturers of vehicles and equipment that could possibly be affected by this requirement. Additionally, all manufacturers must maintain records of the names and addresses of the owners of the products affected by their recalls.

Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden of the Collection of Information in the NPRM: We estimate that providing a notification letter to NHTSA would require 4 hours, each of the 6 quarterly reports would require 4 hours (for a total of 24 hours), providing copies of the other documents would require 1 hour, and maintenance of the list of owners would require 8 hours. The reporting and recordkeeping burden for each recall is therefore estimated to be 4+24+1+8 or 37 hours. The total annual burden is therefore estimated to be 37 x 500 or 17,500 hours.

Estimate of the Total Annual Costs of the Collection of Information in the NPRM: The total annual cost of this information collection is estimated to be \$525,000 assuming an average burdened wage rate of \$30 per hour.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c); delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

Kenneth N. Weinstein,

Associate Administrator for Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 30, 2002.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 9, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF)

OMB Number: 1512-0163.

Form Number: ATF F 5210.5.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Report—Manufacturer of Tobacco Products or Cigarette Papers and Tubes.

Description: Manufacturers account for their taxable articles on this report. ATF uses this information to ensure that taxes have been properly paid and that Federal laws and regulations are complied with.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: Monthly.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 1,800 hours.

Clearance Officer: Jacqueline White (202) 927-8930, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Room 3200, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226

OMB Reviewer: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr. (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Mary A. Able,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

General Program Test Expanded and Extended: Quota Preprocessing

AGENCY: Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the quota preprocessing program test, which provides for the electronic processing of certain quota-class apparel merchandise prior to arrival of the importing carrier, will be expanded to all Customs ports and the duration of the program test will be extended until December 31, 2004.

The quota preprocessing program test is currently being conducted at a selected number of Customs ports and was set to expire on December 31, 2002. The program test is being expanded to all ports and the duration of the test extended so that Customs can continue to evaluate the program's effectiveness on a greatly increased scale pending the initiation and completion of a rulemaking process that will seek to establish the program permanently through appropriate amendments to the Customs Regulations. Public comments concerning any aspect of the program

test as well as applications to participate in the test are requested.

DATES: The expansion of the test to all Customs ports is effective on October 9, 2002. The expanded program test is scheduled to run until December 31, 2004. Applications to participate in the test and comments concerning the test will continue to be accepted throughout the testing period.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding this notice or any aspect of the program test should be addressed to Stephen Silvestri, Quota Branch, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 5.3-D, Washington, DC 20229, or may be sent via e-mail to Stephen.Silvestri@customs.treas.gov. An application to participate in the program test must be sent to the Customs port(s) (Attention: program coordinator for quota preprocessing) where the applicant intends to submit quota entries for preprocessing. If necessary, information on Customs port addresses may be obtained by contacting the Customs Web site at <http://www.customs.gov> (Office Locations).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Silvestri, Quota Branch, (202-927-5397).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 24, 1998, Customs published a general notice in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 39929) announcing the limited testing, pursuant to the provisions of § 101.9(a), Customs Regulations (19 CFR 101.9(a)), of a new operational procedure regarding the electronic processing of quota-class apparel merchandise. The test was initially to be conducted at the ports located in New York/Newark and Los Angeles.

Quota preprocessing permits certain quota entries (merchandise classifiable in chapter 61 or 62 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS)) to be filed, reviewed for admissibility, and to have their quota priority and status determined by Customs prior to arrival of the carrier, similar to the method of preliminary review by which non-quota entries are currently processed. The purpose of quota preprocessing is to reduce Customs processing time for qualified quota entries and to expedite the release of the subject merchandise to the importer. To this end, participants in quota preprocessing have been allowed to submit quota entries to Customs up to 5 days prior to vessel arrival or after the wheels are up on air shipments.

The July 24, 1998, **Federal Register** notice principally described the new procedure, specified the eligibility and application requirements for participation in the program test, and