

Rover contended that the owners manual supplied with non-U.S. certified 1994–1998 Land Rover Discovery MPVs must be replaced with the version supplied with U.S. certified models, because that version contains several Federally required messages and warning statements.

Concluding its comments, Land Rover contended that non-U.S. certified 1994–1998 Land Rover Discovery MPVs are ineligible for importation into the United States because those vehicles are equipped with a chassis that differs significantly from the one on their U.S.-certified counterparts, and that the chassis “cannot be properly modified.”

NHTSA accorded J.K. an opportunity to respond to Land Rover’s comments. In its response, J.K. stated, with respect to the Standard No. 101 compliance issues raised by Land Rover, that it will replace the entire instrument cluster during conversion with one that includes all U.S.-model parts and associated systems, including the seatbelt warning systems and adjustable instrument illumination control. With respect to the Standard 108 issue raised by Land Rover, J.K. stated that it will change the bumper ends in the conversion process, and that the U.S. model ends it will install are equipped with marker lights. J.K. additionally stated that all vehicles will be inspected for compliance with Standard No. 111 at the time of importation, and that U.S. model mirror systems will be installed if necessary during the conversion process. Similarly, J.K. stated that all vehicles will be inspected for compliance with Standard No. 114 at the time of importation, and that a transmission interlock switch, which incorporates the key warning micro-switch, will be added to vehicles lacking that device.

J.K. also stated that all vehicles will be inspected for compliance with Standard No. 208 at the time of importation, and that all parts necessary to achieve compliance with that standard will be added during the conversion process. J.K. noted that all parts necessary to conform the vehicles’ air bag system to the standard are available through dealers or the original equipment manufacturer, including sensors, warning lamps, air bags, air bag ECU, and warning harnesses. J.K. also stated that air bag labels will be attached to the front sun visors during the conversion process, and that ALR/ELR seat belt retractors will be fitted in 1996 and earlier model year vehicles.

With regard to the Standard No. 301 compliance issues raised by Land Rover, J.K. stated that all frame modifications made by the manufacturer to achieve

compliance with that standard can be accomplished in a similar manner during conversion, using a precise welding jig to ensure proper alignment and straightness during installation. Likewise, J.K. asserted that the rear cross-member and integrally welded rear tow hitch receiver modifications applied by the manufacturer can be accomplished during conversion. J.K. also stated that during conversion, all fuel system components will be replaced with U.S. model components to meet EPA requirements, and modified to the same material condition as those on the U.S. certified vehicle. J.K. also stated that all required manuals and labels are added during the conversion process.

NHTSA believes that J.K.’s response adequately addresses the issues that Land Rover has raised regarding the petition. NHTSA further notes that the modifications described by J.K. would not preclude non-U.S. certified 1994–1998 Land Rover Discovery MPVs from being found “capable of being readily altered to comply with applicable motor vehicle safety standards.”

NHTSA has accordingly decided to grant the petition.

Vehicle Eligibility Number for Subject Vehicles

The importer of a vehicle admissible under any final decision must indicate on the form HS–7 accompanying entry the appropriate vehicle eligibility number indicating that the vehicle is eligible for entry. VSP–338 is the vehicle eligibility number assigned to vehicles admissible under this notice of final decision.

Final Decision

Accordingly, on the basis of the foregoing, NHTSA hereby decides that 1994–1998 Land Rover Discovery MPVs that were not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are substantially similar to 1994–1998 Land Rover Discovery MPVs originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, and are capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

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Marilynne Jacobs,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety, Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. Currently, the OCC is soliciting comments concerning an extension, without change, of an information collection titled Financial Subsidiaries and Operating Subsidiaries. The OCC also gives notice that it has sent the information collection to OMB for review.

DATES: You should submit your comments to both OCC and the OMB Desk Officer by December 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You should send your comments to the Communications Division, Attention: 1557–0215, Third Floor, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, you can send comments by facsimile transmission to (202) 874–5274, or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may request additional information, a copy of the collection, or a copy of the supporting documentation submitted to OMB by contacting Jessie Dunaway or Camille Dixon, (202) 874–5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division (1557–0215), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OCC is proposing to extend OMB approval of the following information collection:

Title: Financial Subsidiaries and Operating Subsidiaries.

OMB Number: 1557–0215.

Form Number: None.

Abstract: This submission covers an existing regulation and involves no

change to the regulation or to the information collections embodied in the regulation. The OCC requests only that OMB renew its approval of the information collections in the current regulation.

The information requirements in 12 CFR part 5 are located as follows:

12 CFR 5.24(d)(2)(ii)(G)—Conversion:

An institution must identify all subsidiaries that will be retained following the conversion and provide information and analysis of the subsidiaries' activities that would be required if the converting bank or savings association were a national bank establishing each subsidiary pursuant to sections 5.34 or 5.39. The OCC will use the information to determine whether to grant the financial institution's request to convert to a national charter.

12 CFR 5.33(e)(3)(i) and (ii)—Business combinations: A national bank must identify any subsidiary to be acquired in a business combination and state the activities of each subsidiary. A national bank proposing to acquire, through a business combination, a subsidiary of a depository institution other than a national bank must provide the same information and analysis of the subsidiary's activities that would be required if the applicant were establishing the subsidiary pursuant to sections 5.34 or 5.39.

The OCC needs this information regarding the subsidiaries to be acquired to determine whether to approve the business combination. The OCC will use this information to confirm that the proposed activity is permissible for operating subsidiaries and to ensure that a bank proposing to conduct activities through a financial subsidiary satisfies relevant statutory criteria.

12 CFR 5.34—Operating subsidiaries: A national bank must file a notice or application to acquire or establish an operating subsidiary, or to commence a new activity in an existing operating subsidiary. The application or notice provides the OCC with needed information regarding the activities and location(s) of the operating subsidiaries. The OCC will review the information to determine whether proposed activities are legally permissible, to ensure that the proposal is consistent with safe and sound banking practices and OCC policy, and that it does not endanger the safety and soundness of the parent national banks.

12 CFR 5.35(f)(1) and (2)—Bank service companies: Under section 5.35(f)(1), a national bank that intends to make an investment in a bank service company, or to perform new activities in an existing bank service company,

must submit a notice to and receive prior approval from the OCC.

Under section 5.35(f)(2), a national bank that is "well capitalized" and "well managed" may invest in a bank service company, or perform a new activity in an existing bank service company, by providing the appropriate OCC district office written notice within 10 days after the investment, if the bank service company engages only in the activities listed in section 5.34(e)(5)(v). The OCC will review after-the-fact notices to confirm the permissibility of the national bank's investment in the bank service company.

12 CFR 5.36(e)—Other equity investments—Non-controlling investments: A national bank may make a non-controlling investment, directly or through its operating subsidiary, in an enterprise that engages in the activities described in section 5.36(e)(2) by filing a written notice. The OCC will use the information provided in the notice to confirm that the national bank is well capitalized and well managed, and that the bank meets the requirements applicable to non-controlling investments.

12 CFR 5.39—Financial subsidiaries: A national must file a notice prior to acquiring a financial subsidiary or engaging in activities authorized pursuant to section 5136A(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Revised Statutes (12 U.S.C. 24a) through a financial subsidiary. A national bank that intends, directly or indirectly, to acquire control of, or hold an interest in, a financial subsidiary, or to commence a new activity in an existing financial subsidiary, must obtain OCC approval through the procedures set forth in sections 5.39(i)(1) and (2). The OCC will review this information to ensure that a proposal satisfies applicable statutory criteria.

Type of Review: Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 587.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 587.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 587 burden hours.

OCC Contact: Jessie Dunaway, Clearance Officer, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Attention: 1557-0215, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20219.

OMB Desk Officer: Alexander Hunt, (202) 395-7340, Paperwork Reduction Project 1557-0215, Office of

Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments: The Agencies have a continuing interest in the public's opinion regarding collections of information. Members of the public may submit comments regarding any aspect of these collections of information.

Dated: November 13, 2000.

Stuart Feldstein,

Assistant Director, Legislative & Regulatory Activities Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Fee Schedule for the Transfer of U.S. Treasury Book-Entry Securities Held on the National Book-Entry System

AGENCY: Bureau of the Public Debt, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury is announcing a new fee schedule for the transfer of book-entry securities maintained on the National Book-Entry System (NBES). This fee schedule will take effect on January 2, 2001. Based on the latest review of costs, the new basic fee for a Treasury book-entry security transfer will be reduced \$.02 for each transfer. Concurrent with Treasury's fee reduction, the Federal Reserve will be increasing the fee for the movement of funds by \$.02. These changes will result in the combined fee for a Treasury security transfer of \$.70. The combined fee is unchanged from CY 2000.

In addition to the basic fee, off-line transfers have a surcharge. The surcharge for an off-line Treasury book-entry transfer will be \$25.00, increasing \$7.00 or 39%.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edward C. Leithead, Director, Primary & Secondary Market Fixed Income Securities (Financing), Bureau of the Public Debt, Suite 3014, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278, telephone (212) 264-6358.

Diane M. Polowczuk, Government Securities Specialist (Financing), Bureau of the Public Debt, Room 510, 999 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20239-0001, telephone (202) 691-3550.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 1, 1985, the Department of the Treasury established a fee structure for