

Under the SNPRM, if the agency were to find that the public interest requires dealers to be notified at an earlier date than that proposed by the manufacturer, the manufacturer would have to notify its dealers in accordance with the agency's directive. The SNPRM also proposed to require that the dealer notification contain certain information (including language about manufacturer and dealer obligations under 49 U.S.C. 30116 and 30120(i)) and described the manner in which such notification is to be accomplished.

We fully considered the comments submitted in response to the SNPRM, and are about to issue a final rule. Consistent with the PRA, we are issuing this request for comments on the burden of complying with the dealer notification requirements. Before issuing the SNPRM in May 1999, we had published a request for such comments on a different version of the regulation. *See* 62 FR 63598 (December 1, 1997). Since the SNPRM made major changes to the proposal (based in part on the comments submitted in response to that request), we are issuing a new request for comments on the PRA burdens.

Estimated annual burden: Pursuant to statute (*see* 49 U.S.C. 30116, 30118(b) and (c), and 30119(d)(4)) and their own internal practices, manufacturers currently notify their dealers and distributors of all recalls that address safety defects or noncompliances in their products. Under the revised regulation, manufacturers conducting recalls will be required to (1) add information about the manufacturer's intended schedule for dealer notification to the manufacturer's notifications to NHTSA of defects and noncompliances that are already provided pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, and (2) include certain specified language in the notifications that they send to their dealers and distributors. In addition, vehicle manufacturers will now be required to maintain a list of its dealers and distributors that it notified for a period of 5 years. (Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.8(c), manufacturers of motor vehicle equipment are already subject to such a retention requirement.) Each manufacturer conducting a recall would only have to develop language for inclusion in its notifications to its dealers and distributors once, since the language will be the same in succeeding recalls. With respect to retention requirement, vehicle manufacturers already maintain lists of all of their dealers and distributors, and the dealers and distributors that are notified are likely to be identical or at least

substantially similar for all recalls conducted by a manufacturer.

Based on the above, we estimate that the average time needed for a manufacturer to perform these activities will be no more than 2 hours per recall. Based on past experience, we estimate that there will be about 500 recalls per year. Accordingly, the manufacturer burden hours are estimated to be 1,000 per year (500 recalls $\times$ 2 hours).

In cases in which a manufacturer sells or arranges for the delivery of vehicles or items of equipment to or through independent distributors that subsequently sell or arrange for the delivery of the vehicles or equipment items to independent retail outlets, manufacturers will be required to include in the notification to such distributors language instructing them to provide copies of the notification to all entities further along the distribution chain within five working days of its receipt. Although the regulation does not directly impose any requirement on the distributors to comply with the manufacturer's instructions, we expect them to do so, so we have estimated the paperwork burdens associated with subsequent notifications by distributors. As a practical matter, this requirement would only affect equipment recalls, since vehicle manufacturers generally communicate directly with their dealers rather than through a distribution network. Therefore, our estimate considers only equipment recalls. There are approximately 50 such recalls each year. The only thing that these distributors would do (assuming they followed the manufacturer's instructions) would be to forward copies of the manufacturer's notification to entities further down the distribution chain. We estimate that identifying the applicable lower-tier entities, making copies, and sending out those copies would take about 5 hours per recall. Assuming that each recalling equipment manufacturer utilizes an average of three separate distributors (which is probably an over-estimate, since many equipment manufacturers do not use any independent distributors), the total number of burden hours potentially associated with this provision of the final rule is estimated to be 750 per year (50 recalls $\times$ 3 independent distributors $\times$ 5 hours).

Number of respondents: Every manufacturer of motor vehicles or replacement equipment is potentially affected by this rule. We estimate that there are 30,000 such manufacturers. However, on average, about 300 manufacturers actually conduct the approximately 500 safety recalls that are conducted each year.

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Kenneth N. Weinstein,

Associate Administrator for Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-04-17967]

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

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). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections.

This document describes a collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval. The collection of information is associated with the requirement that each new motor vehicle glazing manufacturer must request and be assigned a unique mark or number.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 16, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket notice number cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. It is requested, but not required, that 2 copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Complete copies of each request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Mr. John Lee, NHTSA 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5320, NVS-112, Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Lee's telephone number is (202) 366-4924. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to this Docket Number (Docket Number NHTSA-04-17967).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,

before a proposed collection of information is submitted to the OMB for approval, Federal agencies must first 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. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment 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 used;

(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.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collection of information:

Title: 49 CFR 571.205, Glazing Materials.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0038.

Form Number: This collection of information uses no standard form.

Requested Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from the approval date.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Summary of the Collection of Information: NHTSA requires each new motor vehicle glazing manufacturer to request and be assigned a unique mark or number. This number is then used by the manufacturer as their unique company identification on their self-certification label on each piece of motor vehicle glazing.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information: In order to ensure that glazing and motor vehicle manufacturers are complying with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 205, "Glazing materials." NHTSA requires a certification label on each piece of glazing. As part of that certification label, the company must identify itself with the simple two or

three digit number assigned by the agency. Failure to clearly identify the manufacturer would make the certification label and therefore the safety standard compliance unenforceable.

Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information): NHTSA anticipates that approximately 21 new prime glazing manufacturers¹ per year will contact the agency and request a manufacturer identification number. These new glazing manufacturers must submit one letter, one time, identifying their company. In turn, the agency responds by assigning them a unique manufacturer number.

Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden Resulting from the Collection of Information: NHTSA estimates that each manufacturer will need one-half hour to prepare a letter at a cost of \$20.00 per hour. Thus, the number of estimated reporting burden hours a year on each manufacturer is 10.5 hours at a total cost of \$210.

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

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Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Area 2 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Area 2 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, July 13, 2004, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. E.D.T.

¹ A prime glazing manufacturer is a manufacturer that fabricates, laminates, or tempers glazing material.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inez E. De Jesus at 1-888-912-1227 or 954-423-7977.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1998) that an open meeting of the Area 2 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Tuesday, July 13, 2004 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. E.D.T. via a telephone conference call. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 954-423-7977, or write Inez E. De Jesus, TAP Office, 1000 South Pine Island Rd., Suite 340, Plantation, FL 33324. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Inez E. De Jesus. Ms. De Jesus can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 and 954-423-7977, or post comments to the Web site: <http://www.improveirs.org>.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: June 9, 2004.

Bernard Coston,

Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, E-Filing Issue Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the E-Filing Issue Committee will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, July 8, 2004, from 3 to 4 p.m., eastern time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227, or (414) 297-1604.

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