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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-2004-04-17176]

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 one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 6, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that one original plus two 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 Mary Versailles, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5320, NVS-131, Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Versailles' telephone number is (202) 366-2057. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it 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 5CFR 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;

(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 for which the agency is seeking extension of approval from OMB:

Title: 49 CFR 583—Automobile Parts Content Labeling.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0573.

Form Number: None.

Affected Public: Vehicle manufacturers.

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

Abstract: Part 583 establishes requirements for the disclosure of information relating to the countries of origin of the equipment of new passenger motor vehicles. This information will be used by NHTSA to determine whether manufacturers are complying with the American

Automobile Labeling Act (49 U.S.C. 32304). The American Automobile Labeling Act requires all new passenger motor vehicles (including passenger cars, certain small buses, all light trucks and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 8,500 pounds or less), to bear labels providing information about domestic and foreign content of their equipment. With the affixed label on the new passenger motor vehicles, it serves as an aid to potential purchasers in the selection of new passenger motor vehicles by providing them with information about the value of the U.S./ Canadian and foreign parts of each vehicle, the countries of origin of the engine and transmission, and the site of the vehicle's final assembly.

NHTSA anticipates that no more than 20 vehicle manufacturers will be affected by these reporting requirements. NHTSA does not believe that any of these 20 manufacturers are a small business (i.e., one that employs less than 500 persons) since each manufacturer employs more than 500 persons. Manufacturers of new passenger motor vehicles, including passenger cars, certain small buses, and light trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating of 8,500 pounds or less, must file a report annually.

NHTSA estimates that the vehicle manufacturers will incur a total annual reporting and cost burden of 6,066 hours and \$4,700,000. The amount includes annual burden hours incurred by multi-stage manufacturers and motor vehicle equipment suppliers.

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Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2004-17647]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 2001-2002 Mercedes Benz C-320 (203) Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 2001-2002 Mercedes Benz C-320 (203) passenger cars are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 2001–2002 Mercedes Benz C–320 (203) passenger cars that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because (1) they are substantially similar to vehicles that were originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and that were certified by their manufacturer as complying with the safety standards, and (2) they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

DATES: The closing date for comments on the petition is June 3, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number and notice number, and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL–401, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 9 am to 5 pm]. Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Coleman Sachs, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202–366–3151).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR Part 592. As specified in 49 CFR 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the **Federal Register** of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period,

NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible for importation. The agency then publishes this decision in the **Federal Register**.

Automobile Concepts of North Miami, Florida (Registered Importer 01–278) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether 2001–2002 Mercedes Benz C–320 (203) passenger cars are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicles that Automobile Concepts believes are substantially similar are 2001–2002 Mercedes Benz C–320 (203) passenger cars that were manufactured for importation into, and sale in, the United States and certified by their manufacturer as conforming to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The petitioner claims that it compared non-U.S. certified 2001–2002 Mercedes Benz C–320 (203) passenger cars to their U.S.-certified counterparts, and found the vehicles to be substantially similar with respect to compliance with most Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Automobile Concepts submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that non-U.S. certified 2001–2002 Mercedes Benz C–320 (203) passenger cars as originally manufactured, conform to many Federal motor vehicle safety standards in the same manner as their U.S. certified counterparts, or are capable of being readily altered to conform to those standards.

Specifically, the petitioner claims that non-U.S. certified 2001–2002 Mercedes Benz C–320 (203) passenger cars are identical to their U.S. certified counterparts with respect to compliance with Standard Nos. 102 *Transmission Shift Lever Sequence*, 103 *Defrosting and Defogging Systems*, 104 *Windshield Wiping and Washing Systems*, 106 *Brake Hoses*, 109 *New Pneumatic Tires*, 113 *Hood Latch Systems*, 116 *Brake Fluid*, 124 *Accelerator Control Systems*, 135 *Passenger Car Brake Systems*, 201 *Occupant Protection in Interior Impact*, 202 *Head Restraints*, 204 *Steering Control Rearward Displacement*, 205 *Glazing Materials*, 206 *Door Locks and Door Retention Components*, 207 *Seating Systems*, 212 *Windshield Mounting*, 214 *Side Impact Protection*, 216 *Roof Crush Resistance*, 219 *Windshield Zone Intrusion*, 225 *Child Restraint Anchorage Systems*, and 302 *Flammability of Interior Materials*.

In addition, the petitioner claims that the vehicles comply with the Bumper Standard found in 49 CFR Part 581.

The petitioner also contends that the vehicles are capable of being readily

altered to meet the following standards, in the manner indicated:

Standard No. 101 *Controls and Displays*: (a) Inscription of the word “brake” on the instrument cluster in place of the international ECE warning symbol or installation of a U.S.-model instrument cluster; (b) modification of the speedometer to read in miles per hour by downloading U.S. version software information or replacement of the speedometer through the installation of a U.S.-model instrument cluster.

Standard No. 108 *Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment*: installation of the following components on vehicles that are not already so equipped: (a) U.S.-model headlamps; (b) U.S.-model front sidemarker lights that incorporate reflex reflectors; (c) U.S.-model taillamp assemblies that incorporate rear sidemarker lights and reflex reflectors.

Standard No. 110 *Tire Selection and Rims*: installation of a tire information placard.

Standard No. 111 *Rearview Mirrors*: inscription of the required warning statement on the passenger side rearview mirror.

Standard No. 114 *Theft Protection*: reprogramming of the vehicle's computers to the U.S.-mode to ensure compliance with the standard.

Standard No. 118 *Power-Operated Window Partition, and Roof Panel Systems*: reprogramming of the vehicle's computers to the U.S.-mode to ensure compliance with the standard.

Standard No. 208 *Occupant Crash Protection*: (a) reprogramming of the vehicle's computers to the U.S.-mode to activate the audible seatbelt warning buzzer; (b) inspection of all vehicles and installation of U.S.-model components, as necessary, to ensure compliance with the standard. The petitioner states that the vehicles are equipped with dual front air bags and knee bolsters, and with combination lap and shoulder belts at the outboard front and rear seating positions that are self-tensioning and capable of being released by means of a single red push button.

Standard No. 209 *Seat Belt Assemblies*: inspection of all vehicles and installation of U.S.-model components on vehicles that are not already so equipped to ensure compliance with the standard.

Standard No. 210 *Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages*: inspection of all vehicles and installation of U.S.-model components on vehicles that are not already so equipped to ensure compliance with the standard.

Standard No. 301 *Fuel System Integrity*: inspection of all vehicles and installation of U.S.-model components

on vehicles that are not already so equipped, to ensure compliance with the standard.

Standard No. 401 *Interior Trunk Release*: installation of U.S.-model components, on vehicles manufactured after on or after September 1, 2001, that are not already so equipped, to ensure compliance with the standard.

Petitioner states that all vehicles must be inspected to ensure compliance with the Theft Prevention Standard at 49 CFR Part 541 and that U.S.-model anti-theft devices will be installed, as necessary, on vehicles that are not already so equipped. The petitioner expressed the belief that the vehicles do in fact comply with this standard.

The petitioner also states that a vehicle identification plate must be affixed to the vehicles near the left windshield post to meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 565.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments on the petition described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 9 am to 5 pm]. It is requested but not required that 10 copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be considered, and will be available for examination in the docket at the above address both before and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

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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Claude H. Harris,
Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-98-4957]

Renewal of Existing Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Request for public comments and OMB approval.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) published a notice in the **Federal Register** on February 13, 2004 (69 FR 7283) requesting public comments on renewal of an information collection, *Reporting of Safety-Related Conditions on Gas, Hazardous Liquid and Carbon Dioxide Pipelines and Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities*. No comments were received. This notice requests approval of the renewal by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and additional comments from the public.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received no later than June 3, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should identify the docket number of this notice, RSPA-98-4957, and be mailed directly to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), 726 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20593, ATTN: Desk Officer for the Department of Transportation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-6205, or by fax to (202) 366-4566, or via e-mail at marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. 60102 requires each operator of a pipeline facility (except master meter systems) to submit to the U.S. Department of Transportation a written report on any safety-related condition that causes or has caused a significant change or restriction in the operation of a pipeline facility or a condition that is a hazard to life, property, or the environment.

Title: Reporting of Safety-Related Conditions on Gas, Hazardous Liquid, and Carbon Dioxide Pipelines and Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities.

OMB Number: 2137-0578.

Type of Request: Renewal of existing information collection.

Estimate of Burden: The average burden hour per response is 6 hours.

Respondents: Gas, hazardous liquid, and carbon dioxide pipeline operators and liquefied natural gas facility operators.

Estimated responses per year: 47.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 282 hours.

Comments are invited on (a) the need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who respond, including the use of the appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

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Richard D. Huriaux,

Regulations Manager, Office of Pipeline Safety.

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