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(F) *Subsections (e)(4)(G) and (H).* These subsections are inapplicable to the extent an exemption is claimed from subsections (d)(1) and (2).

(G) *Subsection (e)(4)(I).* To the extent that this provision is construed to require more detailed disclosure than the broad information currently published in the system notice concerning categories of sources of records in the system, an exemption from this provision is necessary to protect the confidentiality of sources of information, the privacy and physical safety of witnesses and informants, and testing or examination material used solely to determine individual qualifications for appointment of promotion in the Federal service. Accordingly, application of exemptions (j)(2), (k)(1), (k)(2), (k)(5), (k)(6), and (k)(7) may be necessary.

(H) *Subsection (e)(5).* It is often impossible to determine in advance if investigatory records contained in this system are accurate, relevant, timely and complete, but, in the interests of effective law enforcement, it is necessary to retain this information to maintain an accurate record of the investigatory activity to preserve the integrity of the investigation and satisfy various Constitutional and evidentiary requirements, such as mandatory disclosure of potentially exculpatory information in the investigative file to a defendant. It is also necessary to retain this information to aid in establishing patterns of activity and provide investigative leads. With the passage of time, seemingly irrelevant or untimely information may acquire new significance as further investigation brings new details to light and the accuracy of such information can only be determined through judicial processes. Accordingly, application of exemption (j)(2) may be necessary.

(I) *Subsection (e)(8).* To serve notice could give persons sufficient warning to evade investigative efforts. Accordingly, application of exemption (j)(2) may be necessary.

(J) *Subsection (f).* To the extent that portions of the system are exempt from the provisions of the Privacy Act concerning individual access and amendment of records, DoD is not required to establish rules concerning procedures and requirements relating to such provisions. Accordingly, application of exemptions (j)(2), (k)(1), (k)(2), (k)(5), (k)(6), and (k)(7) may be necessary.

(K) *Subsection (g).* This subsection is inapplicable to the extent that the system is exempt from other specific

subsections of the Privacy Act to which the civil remedies provisions pertain.

(iv) *Exempt records from other systems.* In the course of carrying out the overall purpose for this system, exempt records from other systems of records may in turn become part of the records maintained in this system. To the extent that copies of exempt records from those other systems of records are maintained in this system, the DoD claims the same exemptions for the records from those other systems that are entered into this system, as claimed for the prior system(s) of which they are a part, provided the reason for the exemption remains valid and necessary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 541

[Docket No. NHTSA-2022-0012]

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Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Final Listing of 2020 Light Duty Truck Lines Subject to the Requirements of This Standard and Exempted Vehicle Lines for Model Year 2020

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule announces NHTSA's determination that there are no new model year 2020 light duty truck lines subject to the parts-marking requirements of the Federal motor vehicle theft prevention standard. The agency determined no new models were high-theft or had major parts that are interchangeable with a majority of the covered major parts of passenger car or multipurpose passenger vehicle lines. This final rule also identifies those vehicle lines that have been granted an exemption from the parts-marking requirements because they are equipped with antitheft devices determined to meet certain criteria.

DATES: This final rule is effective August 23, 2022.

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Policy, Fuel Economy and Consumer Programs, NHTSA, West Building, W43-439, NRM-310, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Ballard's phone number is (202) 366-5222. Her fax number is (202) 493-2990.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The theft prevention standard (49 CFR part 541) applies to (1) all passenger car lines; (2) all multipurpose passenger vehicle (MPV) lines with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 6,000 pounds or less; (3) low-theft light-duty truck (LDT) lines with a GVWR of 6,000 pounds or less that have major parts that are interchangeable with a majority of the covered major parts of passenger car or MPV lines; and (4) high-theft LDT lines with a GVWR of 6,000 pounds or less.

The purpose of the theft prevention standard is to reduce the incidence of motor vehicle theft by facilitating the tracing and recovery of parts from stolen vehicles. The standard seeks to facilitate such tracing by requiring that vehicle identification numbers (VINs), VIN derivative numbers, or other symbols be placed on major component vehicle parts. The theft prevention standard requires motor vehicle manufacturers to inscribe or affix VINs onto covered original equipment major component parts, and to inscribe or affix a symbol identifying the manufacturer and a common symbol identifying the replacement component parts for those original equipment parts, on all vehicle lines subject to the requirements of the standard.

49 U.S.C. 33104(d) provides that once a line has become subject to the theft prevention standard, the line remains subject to the requirements of the standard unless it is exempted under 49 U.S.C. 33106. Section 33106 provides that a manufacturer may petition annually to have one vehicle line exempted from the requirements of section 33104, if the line is equipped with an antitheft device meeting certain conditions as standard equipment. The exemption is granted if NHTSA determines that the antitheft device is likely to be as effective as compliance with the theft prevention standard in reducing and deterring motor vehicle thefts.

49 CFR part 543 establishes the process through which manufacturers may seek an exemption from the theft prevention standard. Manufacturers may request an exemption under 49 CFR 543.6 by providing specific information about the antitheft device, its capabilities, and the reasons the petitioner believes the device to be as effective at reducing and deterring theft as compliance with the parts-marking

requirements,¹ or manufacturers may request an exemption under a more streamlined process outlined in 49 CFR 543.7 if the vehicle line is equipped with an antitheft device (an “immobilizer”) as standard equipment that complies with one of the standards specified in that section.² If the exemption is sought under 49 CFR 543.6, NHTSA publishes a notice of its decision to grant or deny the exemption petition in the **Federal Register** and notifies the petitioner in writing; if the petition is sought under section 49 CFR 543.7, NHTSA notifies the petitioner in writing of the agency’s decision to grant or deny the exemption petition.

NHTSA annually publishes the names of LDT lines NHTSA has determined to be high theft pursuant to 49 CFR part 541, LDT lines that NHTSA has determined to have major parts that are interchangeable with a majority of the covered major parts of passenger car or MPV lines, and vehicle lines that NHTSA has exempted from the theft prevention standard. Appendix A to part 541 identifies those LDT lines subject to the theft prevention standard beginning in a given model year. Appendix A–I to part 541 also lists those vehicle lines that NHTSA has exempted from the theft prevention standard.

For MY 2020, there are no new LDT lines that will be subject to the theft prevention standard in accordance with the procedures published in 49 CFR part 542.

Appendix A–I identifies those vehicle lines that have been exempted by the agency from the parts-marking requirements of part 541 and is amended to include eleven MY 2020 vehicle lines newly exempted in full. The eleven exempted vehicle lines are the Hyundai Genesis G70, Honda Acura TLX, Jeep Gladiator, Nissan Versa, Toyota C–HR, GM Buick Encore, Porsche Taycan, Ford Lincoln Corsair, BMW 2 series, Jaguar Land Rover E-Pace and the Tesla Model Y. NHTSA has either previously granted these exemption requests and published the determination in the **Federal Register** if the exemption was sought under 49 CFR 543.6, or has notified the manufacturer of the grant of exemption if the exemption was sought under 49 CFR 543.7.

Each year the agency also amends the appendices to part 541 to remove vehicle lines that have not been manufactured for the United States market in over 5 years. We believe that including those vehicle lines would be

unnecessary. Therefore, the agency is removing the BMW X1, Ford Taurus, Jaguar XK, Land Rover LR2 and the Mazda 5 vehicle lines from the Appendix A–I listing. However, NHTSA will continue to maintain a comprehensive database of all exemptions on our website.

The changes made in this notice are purely informational. The eleven vehicle lines that will be added to appendix A–I of part 541 were granted exemptions in accordance with the procedures of 49 CFR part 543 and 49 U.S.C. 33106 and notices of the grants of those exemptions were published in the **Federal Register**, or the manufacturer was notified by grant letter. Therefore, NHTSA finds good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B) that notice and opportunity for comment on this final rule is unnecessary. Further, public comment on the listing of selections and exemptions is not contemplated by 49 U.S.C. chapter 331. For the same reasons, since this revised listing only informs the public of previous agency actions and does not impose additional obligations on any party, NHTSA finds good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) to make the amendment made by this notice effective on the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

Regulatory Notices

A. Executive Order 12866 and DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures

This rulemaking document was not reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Executive Order (E.O.) 12866. It is not considered to be significant under E.O. 12866 or the Department’s Regulatory Policies and Procedures. The purpose of this final rule is to provide information to the public about vehicle lines that must comply with the parts-marking requirements of NHTSA’s theft prevention standard and vehicles that NHTSA has exempted from those requirements. Since the purpose of the final rule is to inform the public of actions NHTSA has already taken, either determining that new lines are subject to parts-marking requirements or exempting vehicle lines from those requirements, the final rule will not impose any new burdens.

B. National Environmental Policy Act

NHTSA has analyzed this final rule for the purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act. The agency has determined that implementation of this action will not have any significant impact on the quality of the human environment as it merely informs the

public about previous agency actions. Accordingly, no environmental assessment is required.

C. Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

The agency has analyzed this rulemaking in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 13132 and has determined that it does not have sufficient federal implications to warrant consultation with State and local officials or the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement. As discussed above, this final rule only provides information to the public about previous agency actions.

D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 requires agencies to prepare a written assessment of the costs, benefits and other effects of proposed or final rules that include a Federal mandate likely to result in the expenditure by State, local or tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of more than \$100 million annually (\$120.7 million as adjusted annually for inflation with base year of 1995). The assessment may be combined with other assessments, as it is here.

This final rule will not result in expenditures by State, local or tribal governments or automobile manufacturers and/or their suppliers of more than \$120.7 million annually. This document informs the public of previously granted exemptions. Since the only purpose of this final rule is to inform the public of previous actions taken by the agency, no new costs or burdens will result.

E. Executive Order 12988 (Civil Justice Reform)

Pursuant to Executive Order 12988, “Civil Justice Reform,”³ the agency has considered whether this final rule has any retroactive effect. We conclude that it would not have such an effect as it only informs the public of previous agency actions. In accordance with section 49 U.S.C. 33118, when a Federal theft prevention standard is in effect, a State or political subdivision of a State may not have a different motor vehicle theft prevention standard for a motor vehicle or major replacement part. 49 U.S.C. 33117 provides that judicial review of this rule may be obtained pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 32909. Section 32909 does not require submission of a petition for reconsideration or other administrative proceedings before parties may file suit in court.

¹ 49 CFR 543.6.

² 49 CFR 543.7.

³ See 61 FR 4729, February 7, 1996.

F. Paperwork Reduction Act

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct, sponsor, or require through regulations. There are no information collection requirements associated with this final rule.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 541

Administrative practice and procedure, Labeling, Motor vehicles, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

In consideration of the foregoing, 49 CFR part 541 is amended as follows:

PART 541—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 541 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 33101, 33102, 33103, 33104, 33105 and 33106; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.95.

■ 2. Appendix A–I to Part 541 is revised to read as follows:

Appendix A–I to Part 541—Lines With Antitheft Devices Which Are Exempted From the Parts-Marking Requirements of This Standard Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 543

Manufacturer	Subject lines
BMW	MINI, MINI Countryman (MPV), X1 (MPV), X1, X2 (MPV), X3 (MPV), X4 (MPV), X5 (MPV), Z4, 2 Series, ¹ 3 Series, 4 Series, 5 Series, 6 Series, 7 Series, 8 Series.
CHRYSLER	200, 300, Dodge Charger, Dodge Challenger, Dodge Dart, Dodge Journey, Fiat 500, Fiat 124 Spider, Jeep Cherokee, Jeep Compass, Jeep Grand Cherokee (MPV), Jeep Gladiator, ¹ Jeep Patriot, Jeep Wrangler/ Wrangler JK, ² Jeep Wrangler JL (new), Town and Country MPV.
FORD MOTOR CO	C-Max, EcoSport, Edge, Escape, Explorer, Fiesta, Focus, Fusion, Lincoln Corsair, ¹ Lincoln MKC, Lincoln MKX, Lincoln Nautilus, Mustang.
GENERAL MOTORS	Buick LaCrosse/Regal, Buick Encore, ¹ Buick Verano, Cadillac ATS, Cadillac CTS, Cadillac SRX, Cadillac XTS, Cadillac XT4, Chevrolet Bolt, Chevrolet Camaro, Chevrolet Corvette, Chevrolet Cruze, Chevrolet Equinox, Chevrolet Impala/Monte Carlo, Chevrolet Malibu, Chevrolet Sonic, Chevrolet Spark, Chevrolet Volt, GMC Terrain.
HONDA	Accord, Acura TLX, ¹ Acura MDX, Civic, CR–V, Passport, Pilot.
HYUNDAI	Azera, Equus, Genesis G70, ¹ Genesis G80, ³ IONIQ.
JAGUAR	F-Type, XE, XF, XJ, Land Rover Discovery Sport, Land Rover E-Pace, ¹ Land Rover F-Pace, Land Rover Range Rover Evoque, Land Rover Velar.
KIA	Niro, Stinger.
MASERATI	Ghibli, Levante (SUV), Quattroporte.
MAZDA	2, 3, 5, 6, CX–3, CX–5, CX–9, MX–5 Miata.
MERCEDES–BENZ	smart Line Chassis, smart USA fortwo, SL-Line Chassis (SL-Class), (the models within this line are): SL400/SL450, SL550, SL 63/AMG, SL 65/AMG, SLK-Line Chassis (SLK-Class/SLC-Class), (the models within this line are): SLK 250, SLK 300, SLK 350, SLK 55 AMG, SLC 300 AMG, SLC 43, S-Line Chassis (S/CL/S-Coupe Class/S-Class Cabriolet/Mercedes Maybach), (the models within this line are): S400 Hybrid, S550, S600, S63 AMG, S65 AMG, Mercedes-Maybach S560, Mercedes-Maybach S650, CL550, CL600, CL63 AMG, CL65 AMG, NGCC Chassis Line (CLA/GLA/B-Class/A-Class), (the models within this line are): A220, B250e, CLA250, CLA45 AMG, GLA250, GLA45 AMG, C-Line Chassis (C-Class/CLK/GLK-Class/GLC-Class), (the models within this line are): C63 AMG, C240, C250, C300, C350, CLK 350, CLK 550, CLK 63AMG, GLK250, GLK350, E-Line Chassis (E-Class/CLS Class), (the models within this line are): E55, E63 AMG, E320 BLUETEC, E350 BLUETEC, E320/E320DT CDi, E350/E500/E550, E400 HYBRID, CLS400, CLS500/550, CLS55 AMG, CLS63 AMG.
MITSUBISHI	Eclipse Cross, iMiEV, Lancer, Outlander, Outlander Sport, Mirage.
NISSAN	Altima, Juke, Leaf, Maxima, Murano, NV200 Taxi, Pathfinder, Quest, Rogue, Kicks, Sentra, Infiniti Q70, Infiniti Q50/60, Infiniti QX50, Infiniti QX60, Versa. ¹
PORSCHE	911, Boxster/Cayman, Macan, Panamera, Taycan. ¹
SUBARU	Ascent, Forester, Impreza, Legacy, Outback, WRX, XV Crosstrek/Crosstrek. ⁴
TESLA	Model 3, Model S, Model X, Model Y. ¹
TOYOTA	Avalon, Camry, Corolla, C–HR, ¹ Highlander, Lexus ES, Lexus GS, Lexus LS, Lexus NX, Lexus RX, Prius, RAV4, Sienna.
VOLKSWAGEN	Atlas, Beetle, Eos, Jetta, Passat, Tiguan, Golf/Golf Sport wagen/eGolf/Alltrack, Audi A3, Audi A4, Audi A4Allroad MPV, Audi A6, Audi A8, Audi Q3, Audi Q5, Audi TT.
VOLVO	S60.

¹ Granted an exemption from the parts-marking requirements beginning with MY 2020.

² Jeep Wrangler (2009–2019) nameplate changed to Jeep Wrangler JK, JK discontinued after MY 2018.

³ Hyundai discontinued use of its parts-marking exemption for the Genesis vehicle line beginning with the 2010 model year, line was reintroduced as the Genesis G80.

⁴ Subaru XV Crosstrek nameplate changed to Crosstrek beginning with MY 2016.

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