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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on September 29, 2004. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 10, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher Krusa, Maritime Administration, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-2648; FAX: 202-366-3746; or e-mail: chris.krusa@marad.dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Supplementary Training Course Application.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0030.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: U.S. Merchant Marine Seamen, both officers and unlicensed personnel, and other U.S. citizens employed in other areas of waterborne commerce.

Forms: MA-823.

Abstract: Section 1305(a) of the Maritime Education and Training Act of 1980 indicates that the Secretary of Transportation may provide maritime-related training to merchant mariners of the United States and to individuals preparing for a career in the merchant marine of the United States. This collection provides the information

necessary for the maritime schools to plan their course offerings and for applicants to complete their certificate requirements.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 25 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Authority: 49 CFR 1.66.

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Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-04-19624]

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

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 8, 2005.

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 7th 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 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 Ronald Filbert, NHTSA 400 Seventh Street, SW., room 5125, NHT-200, Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Filbert's telephone number is (202) 366-2701. 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 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;

(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 collections of information:

(1) *Title:* Highway Safety Program Cost Summary.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0003.

Affected Public: 50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Territories, and Tribal Government.

Form Number: HS-217 Highway Safety Program Cost Summary.

Abstract: The Highway Safety Plan identifies State's traffic safety problems and describes the program and projects to address those problems. In order to account for funds expended, States are required to submit a HS-217 Highway Safety Program Cost Summary. The Program Cost Summary is completed to reflect the state's proposed allocations of funds (including carry-forward funds) by program area, based on the projects and activities identified in the Highway Safety Plan.

Estimated Annual Burden: 570.

Number of Respondents: 57.

(2) *Title:* Uniform Criteria for State Observational Surveys of Seat Belt Use—Section 157.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0597.

Affected Public: The 50 States, The District of Columbia, & Puerto Rico.

Form Number: N/A.

Abstract: This collection would require the respondents, which are the States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico to provide seat belt use survey information to NHTSA before they receive grant money. To be eligible for Incentive grant funding, the surveys must be completed by the end of the calendar year and submitted to NHTSA by March 1 of the following calendar year.

Estimated Annual Burden: 17,972.

Number of Respondents: 52.

(3) *Title:* 23 CFR, Part 1345, Occupant Protection Incentive Grant—Section 405.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0600.

Affected Public: The 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas and Virgin Islands.

Form Number: N/A.

Abstract: An occupant protection incentive grant is available to states that can demonstrate compliance with at least four of six criteria. Demonstration of compliance requires submission of copies of relevant seat belt and child passenger protection statutes, plan and/or reports on statewide seatbelt enforcement and child seat education programs and possibly some traffic court records.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,736.

Number of Respondents: 56.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Marlene Markison,

Associate Administrator for Office of Injury Control Operations and Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2001-10856]

Motor Vehicle Safety; Disposition of Recalled Tires; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. **Federal Register** notices with a 60-day comment period were published on May 27, 2003, at Vol. 68, No. 101 p. 28876-77 and on April 22, 2004, at Vol. 69, No. 78 p 21881-3.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 10, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Person at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Recall Management Division, NVS-215, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, phone 202-366-5210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agency: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Title: Motor Vehicle Safety; Disposition of Recalled Tires.

OMB Number: 2127-0004.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 7 of the Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and Documentation (TREAD) Act requires a manufacturer's remedy program for tires to include a plan for preventing, to the extent reasonably within the manufacturer's control, the resale of replaced tires for use on motor vehicles, as well as a plan for the disposition of replaced tires other than in landfills, particularly through methods such as shredding, crumbling, recycling, recovery, or other "beneficial non-vehicular uses."

Manufacturers that conduct recalls are already required by 49 CFR part 573 to submit a Defect or Noncompliance Information Report, containing certain information, to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). One item of required information is a description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (remedy plan). This information collection adds the requirement for manufacturers to include their plan for disposal of recalled tires in their remedy plan. Further, Section 7 requires manufacturers to include information about the implementation of remedy plans in quarterly reports that they are required to make to NHTSA. Manufacturers are already required to file quarterly reports containing certain information about the progress of recalls. This rule adds a requirement to report to NHTSA in these quarterly reports information about tires which were not disposed of in accordance with the disposal plan.

Affected Public: All manufacturers of recalled tires and all dealers of recalled tires.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 20 hours increase over the current allotment of 18,204 hours for a total of 18,224 hours. There is no increase in reporting and recordkeeping cost burden.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or