

detering motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the theft prevention standard (49 CFR Part 541).

The agency concludes that the device will provide the following aspects of performance listed in § 543.6(a)(3): Promoting activation, preventing defeat or circumvention of the device by unauthorized persons, preventing operation of the vehicle by unauthorized entrants, and ensuring the reliability and durability of the device. The device lacks the ability to attract attention to the efforts of unauthorized persons to enter or operate a vehicle by a means other than a key (§ 541.6(a)(3)(ii)).

As required by 49 U.S.C. 33106 and 49 CFR Part 543.6(a) (4) and (5), the agency finds that BMW has provided adequate reasons for its belief that the antitheft device will reduce and deter theft. This conclusion is based on the information BMW provided about its device.

For the foregoing reasons, the agency hereby grants in full BMW's petition for exemption for the Carline 5 from the parts-marking requirements of 49 CFR Part 541.

If BMW decides not to use the exemption for this line, it should formally notify the agency. If such a decision is made, the line must be fully marked according to the requirements under 49 CFR 541.5 and 542.6 (marking of major component parts and replacement parts).

NHTSA notes that if BMW wishes in the future to modify the device on which this exemption is based, the company may have to submit a petition to modify the exemption. Section 543.7(d) states that a Part 543 exemption applies only to vehicles that belong to a line exempted under this part and equipped with the antitheft device on which the line's exemption is based. Further, § 543.9(c)(2) provides for the submission of petitions "to modify an exemption to permit the use of an antitheft device similar to but differing from the one specified in that exemption." The agency wishes to minimize the administrative burden which § 543.9(c)(2) could place on exempted vehicle manufacturers and itself.

The agency did not intend in drafting Part 543 to require the submission of a modification petition for every change to the components or design of an antitheft device. The significance of many such changes could be de minimis. Therefore, NHTSA suggests that if the manufacturer contemplates making any changes the effects of which might be characterized as de minimis, it

should consult the agency before preparing and submitting a petition to modify.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 33106; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

Issued on: February 13, 1996.

Barry Felrice,

Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

[Treasury Directive Number 12-41]

Delegation of Authority Concerning Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO); Programs and Regional Complaint Centers

February 8, 1996.

1. *Delegation.* This Directive delegates authority to the Director, Office of Equal Opportunity Program, to:

a. Direct the Department of the Treasury's EEO Programs including all areas of affirmative action, the Hispanic Employment Program (including the Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans Program), the Federal Women's Program, the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program, the Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program, and the Disability Program;

b. Direct the Department's Discrimination Complaint Processing System, including administering the Regional Complaint Centers in such a manner as to process EEO complaints in an efficient, timely, and cost-effective manner, including accepting or dismissing complaints of discrimination, conducting complete and fair investigations, rendering all final decisions on individual and class complaints of discrimination, making findings regarding discrimination, rendering decisions on allegations of breach of settlement agreements, making determinations on attorney's fees, and requiring appropriate remedial action whenever necessary;

c. Develop policies, plans and procedures for implementation of the EEO Programs;

d. Evaluate the sufficiency of the programs and recommend to the Assistant Secretary for Management & CFO appropriate solutions for upgrading the programs;

e. Promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the responsibilities delegated by this Directive;

f. Approve the use of any administrative dispute resolution

process used in resolving EEO complaints;

g. Review and evaluate effectiveness of bureau EEO-related training programs; and

h. Administer such projects as the Assistant Secretary for Management & CFO shall establish.

2. *Redelegation.* The authority delegated above, or any parts thereof, may be redelegated by the Director, Office of Equal Opportunity Program.

3. *Authority.* Treasury Order 102-02, "Delegation of Authority Concerning Equal Opportunity Programs."

4. *Cancellation.* Treasury Directive 12-41, "Delegation of Authority Concerning Equal Employment Opportunity Programs and Regional Complaint Centers," dated April 17, 1989, is superseded.

5. *Expiration Date.* This Directive shall expire three years from the date of issuance unless superseded or cancelled prior to that date.

6. *Office of Primary Interest.* Office of Equal Opportunity Program, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary (Departmental Finance and Management), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Management & CFO.

George Muñoz,

Assistant Secretary for Management & CFO.

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Internal Revenue Service

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form SS-8, Determination of Employee Work Status for Purposes of Federal Employment Taxes and Income Tax Withholding.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 16, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Determination of Employee Work Status for Purposes of Federal Employment Taxes and Income Tax withholding.

OMB Number: 1545-0004.

Form Number: SS-8.

Abstract: Form SS-8 is used by employers and workers to furnish information to IRS in order to obtain a determination as to whether a worker is an employee for purposes of Federal employment taxes and income tax withholding. IRS uses the information on Form SS-8 to make the determination.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of OMB approval.

Affected Public: Businesses, individuals, Federal Government, farms, state, local or tribal government, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,730.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 35 hrs., 41 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 347,264.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection request.

Approved: February 5, 1996.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 2553, Election by a Small Business Corporation.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 16, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Election by a Small Business Corporation.

OMB Number: 1545-0146

Form Number: 2553.

Abstract: Form 2553 is filed by a qualifying corporation to elect to be an S corporation as defined in Code section 1361. The information obtained is necessary to determine if the election should be accepted by the IRS. When the election is accepted, the qualifying corporation is classified as an S corporation and the corporation's income is taxed to the shareholders of the corporation.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of OMB approval.

Affected Public: Businesses, farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 12 hrs., 25 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,205,000.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All

comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection request.

Approved: February 5, 1996.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; Meeting

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy will be held on February 21 in Room 600, 301 4th Street SW., Washington, DC from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

At 10:00 a.m. the Commission will hold a panel discussion on the following: (1) how new technologies are changing approaches to understanding foreign publics; and (2) the kind of open source information needed to make rational judgments in U.S. public diplomacy. The panelists are Dr. Barry Fulton, Associate Director, Bureau of Information, USIA; Mr. Douglas Naquin, Chief, Global Services Group, Foreign Broadcast Information Service; Ambassador Robert Pringle, Dean, the Senior Seminar, Department of State; and Mr. Robert Steele, Open Source Systems, Inc.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Please call Betty Hayes (202) 619-4468, if you are interested in attending the meeting. Space is limited and entrance to the building is controlled.

Dated: February 13, 1996.

Rose Royal,

Management Analyst, Federal Register Liaison.

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