

and must become effective upon leaving the vehicle, or not later than the point at which the vehicle is locked, and must deactivate the vehicle only by electronic means and not with the mechanical key. BMW also stated that the doors and ignition locks for the Carline 3 conform to Swedish Regulation F42-1975, which requires a minimum of five minutes resistance to the application of commonly available tools.

Based on evidence submitted by BMW, the agency believes that the antitheft device for the Carline 3 is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring 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 types 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 (§ 543.6(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 Carline 3 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 Parts 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. Part 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, Part 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 that Part 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: November 18, 1997.

L. Robert Shelton,

Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Notice No. 97-14]

Notice of Information Collection Approval

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Approval.

SUMMARY: This notice announces OMB approval of information collection request for OMB No. 2137-0595, entitled Cargo Tank Motor Vehicles in Liquefied Compressed Gas Service. This information collection has been extended until March 31, 1999.

DATES: The expiration date of this information collection is March 31, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of an information collection should be directed to Deborah Boothe, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (DHM-10), Research and Special Programs Administration, Room 8102, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Boothe, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (DHM-10), Research and Special Programs Administration, Room 8102, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone (202) 366-8553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

regulations (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-13) require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(s)) and specify that no person is required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number. RSPA published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 44038) on August 18, 1997, entitled "Hazardous Materials: Cargo Tank Motor Vehicles in Liquefied Compressed Gas Service". RSPA received approval from OMB for the information collection in that final rule under OMB No. 2137-0595. The approval expires on February 28, 1998.

RSPA published Notice No. 97-4 (62 FR 44169) on August 19, 1997, requesting comments on this information collection. The comment period on Notice No. 97-4 closed on September 18, 1997. Based on comments received on Notice 97-4, RSPA submitted a request to OMB for extension of the information collection approval until March 31, 1999, which is the expiration date for requirements in the final rule. RSPA received no comments to Notice No. 97-4. RSPA has received approval from OMB for information collection OMB No. 2137-0595, entitled "Hazardous Materials: Cargo Tank Motor Vehicles in Liquefied Compressed Gas Service."

This information collection approval expires on March 31, 1999.

Issued in Washington, DC on November 20, 1997.

Edward T. Mazzullo,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the date and location of the next meeting and the agenda for consideration by the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service.

DATE: The next meeting of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service will be held on December 11, 1997. The

session will be held from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at a meeting room in or near the main Treasury Building at 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis M. O'Connell, Director, Office of Tariff and Trade Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary for Enforcement, Room 4004, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20220. Tel.: (202) 622-0220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is the fifth meeting of the current two-year term of the Committee. The provisional agenda to be considered at the meeting is as follows:

1. Automated Export System: Establishment and operation of the subcommittee to develop industry recommendations.

2. The Treasury Investment Review Board role in the future of Customs automation.

It is expected that several additional items will be added to the provisional agenda prior to the meeting. Members of the public may obtain the final content of the agenda and the precise location of the meeting by calling the information number one week prior to the meeting. The Committee, in its discretion, may take up other matters, time permitting.

The meeting is open to the public. However, participation in the discussion is limited to Committee members and Treasury and Customs staff. It is necessary for any person other than an Advisory Committee member who wishes to attend the meeting to give notice by contacting Ms. Theresa Manning no later than December 4, 1997 at 202-622-0220.

Dated: November 19, 1997.

John P. Simpson,

Deputy Assistant Secretary (Regulatory, Tariff and Trade Enforcement).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

RIN 1505-AA71

Bank Enterprise Award Program; Amended Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) for the Bank Enterprise Award (BEA) Program

AGENCY: Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department.

ACTION: Amended Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).

SUMMARY: The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the Fund) issues this amendment to the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) published in the **Federal Register** on March 7, 1997, which invited applications for the Bank Enterprise Award (BEA) Program. That NOFA identified the applicable Assessment Period as March 1, 1997 through August 31, 1997. Since publication, the Fund has learned that technical advice that the Fund provided to an entity in connection with the entity's certification as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) under 12 CFR part 1805 may have led the entity to obtain investment capital from insured depository institutions prior to the commencement of the Assessment Period. Currently, pursuant to the BEA Program as set forth in the March 7, 1997 NOFA and the BEA Program regulations at 12 CFR part 1806, CDFI Related Activities carried out by insured depository institutions before March 1, 1997 are not eligible for an award. To fulfill the purpose of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4701 *et seq.*), the Fund will allow insured depository institution applicants the option of electing an Assessment Period from February 1, 1997 through July 31, 1997, provided that they meet certain conditions. The Fund is confident that there are sufficient funds available to make full cash awards to all insured depository institution applicants in the second round of the BEA Program that qualified to receive awards, and assures all such applicants that no awards will be reduced as a result of this amendment.

DATES: Elections must be received in the offices of the Fund on or before December 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Elections shall be mailed or faxed to: The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW, Suite 200 South, Washington, D.C. 20005, Fax Number (202) 622-7754.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW, Suite 200 South, Washington, D.C. 20005, or call (202) 622-8662.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The purpose of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (Act) was to create the Fund to promote economic revitalization and community

development through investment in and assistance to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs). The Fund's BEA Program helps achieve this purpose through an incentive system for insured depository institutions to increase their lending to and investment in CDFIs by rewarding participating institutions with awards.

II. Reasons for Amending the March 7, 1997 Notice of Funds Availability

In early 1997, the Fund provided technical advice to an entity regarding the Fund's requirements for certification as a CDFI under 12 CFR part 1805. The Fund understands that its technical advice led the entity to obtain investment capital from insured depository institutions in February 1997, and that the Fund also certified it as a CDFI in February 1997.

Under the BEA Program, insured depository institutions which engage in CDFI Related Activities, including equity investments in CDFIs, during an Assessment Period will be eligible for an award (see 12 CFR part 1806). The Fund sets forth the applicable Assessment Period in a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA). On March 7, 1997 (62 FR 10679), the Fund published a NOFA in the **Federal Register** setting the applicable Assessment Period as March 1, 1997 through August 31, 1997. As a result, CDFI Related Activities conducted by insured depository institutions in February 1997 are not eligible for a Bank Enterprise Award.

The Fund believes that such a result would be inconsistent with the purpose of the Act under circumstances where insured depository institutions carried out CDFI Related Activities prior to the Assessment Period as a direct or indirect result of the Fund's technical advice, and would have carried out such activities during the Assessment Period but for such advice. Specifically, the Act is intended to reward insured depository institutions for increased investments in CDFIs. If the Fund does not amend the NOFA, at least two insured depository institutions would not be eligible to receive a Bank Enterprise Award for CDFI Related Activities carried out in February 1997.

III. Amended Optional Assessment Period

The amended optional Assessment Period is February 1, 1997 through July 31, 1997.

IV. Eligibility

Any insured depository institution that timely submitted to the Fund an application in response to the March 7, 1997 NOFA may elect the amended