

Since 1995, USTR has extended the preferences for CBI-origin products a year at a time, under authority delegated by the President in section 1-201 of Executive Order 12260 of December 31, 1980. Preferences are currently in effect until September 30, 1998. In its October 31, 1997 **Federal Register** notice announcing the current extension, USTR stated that future extensions would be conditioned on the extent to which CBI beneficiary countries participated and cooperated in the WTO Working Group on Transparency in Government Procurement, made efforts to accede to the GPA or supported continuing multilateral WTO negotiations in the future; and participated in the FTAA Working Group on Government Procurement. USTR also stated that those countries making significant efforts to meet these conditions would be considered for multiple-year extensions of preferences. Interested parties are asked to comment on the impact on U.S. industry of extending government procurement treatment to CBI beneficiaries beyond September 30, 1998; on these countries' performance under the criteria set out in the 1997 **Federal Register** notice; and on possible criteria for renewal of such treatment in future years.

Public Comments

Those persons wishing to submit written comments should provide twenty (20) typed copies (in English) to Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Room 501, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington DC 20508.

If the submission contains business confidential information, twenty copies of a confidential version must also be submitted. A justification as to why the information contained in the submission should be treated confidentially must be included in the submission. In addition, any submissions containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "Confidential" at the top and bottom of the cover page (or letter) and of each succeeding page of the submission. The version that does not contain confidential information should also be clearly marked, at the top and bottom of each page, "public version" or "non-confidential."

Written comments submitted in connection with this request, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6, will be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room, Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC. An appointment

to review the file may be made by calling Brenda Webb (202) 395-6186. The Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. **Frederick L. Montgomery**,
Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

Annex

List of Countries Designated as Beneficiary Countries for Purposes of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act

Antigua and Barbuda
Aruba
Bahamas, The
Barbados
Belize
Coasta Rica
Dominica
Dominican Republic
El Salvador
Granada
Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Montserrat
Netherlands Antilles
Nicaragua
Panama
Saint Lucia
Trinidad and Tobago
Saint Kitts-Nevis
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Virgin Islands, British

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

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

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (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 three year extension. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 23, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR COPY OF COLLECTION OF INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Robinson, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-9456.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Title: Consolidated Justification of Owner's Manual Requirements for Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Equipment.

OMB No.: 2127-0541.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, Households, Business, other-for-profit, Not-for-profit, Farms, Federal Government and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. 30117 authorizes the Secretary to require that manufacturers provide technical information, as for example information directed for publication in a vehicle owner's manual, related to the performance and safety specified in the Federal motor vehicle safety standards for the purposes of educating the consumer and providing safeguards against improper use. Using this authority, the agency issued the following FMVSS and regulations, specifying that certain safety precautions regarding items of motor vehicle equipment appear in the owner's manual to aid the agency in achieving many of its safety goals. FMVSS No. 108—Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment. This standard requires that certain lamps and reflective devices with certain performance levels be installed on motor vehicles to assure that the roadway is properly illuminated, that vehicles can be readily seen, and the signals can be transmitted to other drivers sharing the road, during day, night and inclement weather. In this particular case, a new manner of headlamp aiming is being allowed whereby owners as well as traditional vehicle service personnel could aim their vehicle's headlamps using equipment that is an integral part of the headlamp system. Since the specific manner in which aim is to be performed is not regulated (only the performance of the devices is), aiming devices manufactured or installed by different vehicle and headlamp manufacturers may work in significantly different ways. As a consequence, instructions for proper use must be part of the vehicle as a label, or optionally, in the vehicle owner's manual. Part 575 section 103—Camper Loading. This standard requires that manufacturers of slide-in campers designed to fit into the cargo bed of pickup trucks affix a label to each camper that contains information relating to certification, identification and proper loading, and to provide more detailed loading information in the

owner's manual of the truck. FMVSS No. 205—Glazing Materials. This standard specifies requirement for all glazing material used in windshields, windows, and interior partitions of motor vehicles. Its purpose is to reduce the likelihood of lacerations and to minimize the possibility of occupants penetrating the windshield in collision. More detailed information regarding the care and maintenance of such glazing items, as the glass-plastic windshield is required to be placed in the owner's manual. FMVSS No. 208—Occupant Crash Protection. This standard specifies requirements for both active and passive occupant crash protection systems for passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks and small buses. Certain safety features, such as air bags, or the care and maintenance of air bag systems, are required to be explained to the owner by means of the owner's manual. For example, the owner's manual must describe the vehicle's air bag system and provide precautionary information about the proper positioning of the occupants, including children. The owner's manual must also warn that no objects, such as shotguns carried in police cars, should be placed over or near the air bag covers. FMVSS No. 210—Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages. This standard specifies requirements for seat belt assembly anchorages to ensure effective occupant restraint and to reduce the likelihood of failure in collisions. Manufacturers of vehicles that are not equipped with lap belt assemblies at front outboard passenger seating positions suitable for securing child restraints are required to include information in the owner's manual on the correct location and placement of seat belt anchorages which will provide this protection. Part 575—Section 105—Utility Vehicles. This regulation requires manufacturers of utility vehicles to alert drivers that the particular handling maneuvering characteristics of utility vehicles require special driving practices when these vehicles are operated on paved roads. A statement is provided in the regulation which manufacturers shall include, in its entirety or equivalent form, in the owner's manual.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,371 hours.

Address

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

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE–98–16]

Petitions For Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before September 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC–200), Petition Docket No. _____, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9–NPRM–CMTS@faa.dot.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC–200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591; telephone (202) 267–3132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tawana Matthews (202) 267–9783 or Terry Stubblefield (202) 267–7624, Office of Rulemaking (ARM–1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of Part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

Donald P. Byrne,

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Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 29275.

Petitioner: Kodiak Expediting, Inc.
Regulations Affected: 14 CFR

61.133(b)(1).

Description of Petition: To permit Kodiak to conduct passenger carrying operations on cross-country flights in excess of 50 nautical miles without holding an instrument rating in the same category and class of aircraft listed on your commercial pilot certificate.

Docket No.: 29234.

Petitioner: Cowboy Transportation Company.

Regulations Affected: 14 CFR 135.421(c) and (d).

Description of Petition: To permit Cowboy Transportation Company to conduct limited, single pilot commercial operations under instrument flight rules.

Docket No.: 29302.

Petitioner: Raytheon E-Systems.

Regulations Affected: 25.365(e)(2), 25.562(c)(2), -(c)(2), -(c)(3), -(c)(4), -(c)(6), 25.785(h)(2), 25.812(e), 25.813(e), 25.853(d).

Description of Petition: To exempt Raytheon E-Systems from the requirements of 14 CFR 25.562(c)(2) -(c)(4), 25.785(h)(2), 25.813(e), and 25.853(d) to permit business jet interiors to be installed for "private, not-for-hire use" on Boeing Model 777–200 IGW airplane.

Docket No.: 29301.

Petitioner: Raytheon E-Systems.

Regulations Affected: 25.562(c)(2), -(c)(3), -(c)(4), 25.785(h)(2), 25.813(e), 25.853(d).

Description of Petition: To exempt Raytheon E-Systems from the