

needs to sell 50 Guaras in the next 12 months to have adequate cash-flow to prevent shut-down of its factory. Its cumulative net losses in the five-year period 1992-96 are slightly less than \$7,625,000. Critical revenue can be generated by selling some Guaras in the American market. This will also afford an opportunity for DeTomaso to reintroduce its name in the United States after an absence of 20 years (its Pantera model was sold through Lincoln-Mercury dealers in the 1970s).

The Guara has received full type approval under EC law. However, at the time it was designed, 1993, DeTomaso did not intend to sell it in the American market and such a decision was not reached until the Summer of 1997 when it became apparent that reentry into the United States with the Guara was financially necessary in advance of introduction of the fully-complying Bigua. DeTomaso cites NHTSA's grant of a temporary exemption to Bugatti as an example of relief being provided a vehicle which also was not designed with the U.S. market in mind (59 FR 11649). Its review of the Federal motor vehicle safety standards has led it to conclude that the Guara can meet all but a portion of three of them: Standard No. 208 *Occupant Crash Protection* (the automatic restraint requirements of paragraph S4.1.5), Standard No. 214 *Side Impact Protection* (the dynamic side impact requirements of paragraph S3(b)), and Standard No. 301 *Fuel System Integrity* (the lateral moving barrier and roll-over portions of paragraphs S6.3 and S6.4). Accordingly, it requests a two-year exemption from them. A denial would force DeTomaso to cease production of the Guara because of insufficient demand outside the United States for it, and remain closed until the Bigua was ready for manufacture. However, "a denial of the exemption request will create the grave risk that potential investors will refrain from consummating their investments and could thus jeopardize the entire existence of DeTomaso." The company believes that it has made a good faith effort for the Bigua to meet the Federal motor vehicle safety standards for which it is requesting exemption on behalf of the Guara.

The applicant believes that a temporary exemption would be in the public interest and consistent with traffic safety objectives for several reasons. The first is the low volume of exempted vehicles; it does not anticipate selling more than 50 Guaras in the United States over the next two years. The second is that the Guara will meet the requirements of S4.1 of Standard No. 208 with belted (3-point

system) crash test dummies. This test will be piggy-backed with Standard No. 301's frontal impact test; the applicant informs NHTSA that it "will modify its European design and fit reinforced structures on all exempted cars." It believes that "this design should also provide significant benefit as regards side impact protection." DeTomaso argues that the mounting of the fuel tank in the central tubular chassis will reduce the risk of fuel system damage in the event of a crash. Finally, it will place a label on the dash advising occupants of the exemption and the need to wear their seat belts.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments on the application described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and the notice number, and be submitted to: Central Docket Management Facility, room PI-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. It is requested but not required that 10 copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated below will be considered, and will be available for examination in the docket (from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at the above address both before and after that date. Comments may also be viewed on the Internet at web site dms.dot.gov. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the application will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

*Comment closing date:* March 9, 1998.

(49 U.S.C. 30113; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

Issued on February 2, 1998.

**L. Robert Shelton,**

*Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

January 26, 1998.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the

OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

### Internal Revenue Services (IRS)

*OMB Number:* 1545-1565.

*Notice Number:* Notice 97-64.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Temporary Regulations to Be Issued Under Section (h) of the Internal Revenue Code (Applying Section 1(h) to Capital Gain Dividends of RICs and REITs).

*Description:* Notice 97-64 provides notice of forthcoming temporary regulations that will permit Regulation Investment Companies (RICs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) to distribute multiple classes of capital gain dividends.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Other (once).

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 1,500 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 28, 1998.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**Special Request**

In order to begin the survey described below in early February 1998, the Department of the Treasury is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve this information collection by February 2, 1998. To obtain a copy of this study, please contact the Internal Revenue Service Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

**Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

*OMB Number:* 1545-1432.

*Project Number:* M:SP:V 98-002G.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Customer Satisfaction Survey System.

*Description:* This is a direct outgrowth of the mid-October 1997 Senate Finance committee hearings where the conduct of IRS employees was publicly called into question. Both majority and minority members of the committee pointed to State or current IRS functional surveys that solicit such customer feedback, and recommended that the IRS as a whole pursue a similar approach. This survey is designed to solicit responses from taxpayers, their representatives, and other appropriate customers shortly after their case is closed or at the conclusion of their interaction with an IRS employee. The functional areas within IRS included in this survey are: (1) Customer Service, (2) Collection, (3) Examination, (4) Appeals, and (5) Employee Plans and Exempt Organizations (EP/EO).

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,784,619.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Response:* 4 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Other (one-time only).

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 118,975 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

January 26, 1998.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and  
Firearms (BATF)**

*OMB Number:* 1512-0092.

*Form Number:* ATF F 5100.31.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Application for Certification/Exemption of Label/Bottle Approval under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act.

*Description:* The Federal Alcohol Administration Act regulates the labeling of alcoholic beverages and designates the Treasury Department to oversee compliance with regulations. This form is completed by the regulated industry submitted to Treasury as an application to label their products. Treasury oversees label applications to prevent consumer deception and to deter falsification of unfair advertising practices on alcoholic beverages.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Recordkeepers:* 8,624.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Recordkeeper:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Other (3 years).

*Estimated Total Recordkeeping Burden:* 28,565 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Robert N. Hogarth, (202) 927-8930, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Room 3200, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20226.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Customs Service****Revised National Customs Automation  
Program Test Regarding  
Reconciliation**

**AGENCY:** Customs Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** On February 6, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** announcing a Customs prototype test of reconciliation. A subsequent notice, published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 1997, announced modifications to the originally planned test. In response to comments received pursuant to that notice and discussions with the trade community, Customs has made further enhancements to the reconciliation prototype. These enhancements include a blanket application option to entry-by-entry flagging and, for Reconciliations involving duties, taxes, or fees due, the option of filing aggregate data for the Reconciliation in lieu of entry-by-entry data. This document serves as a replacement for all previous notices for this prototype, which is known as the ACS Reconciliation Prototype. The changes to the prototype detailed herein do not affect the previously announced start date of October 1, 1998, nor do they affect the policy which makes this prototype the exclusive means to reconcile entries, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1484(b).

This document invites public comments concerning any aspect of the planned test, informs interested members of the public of the requirements for voluntary participation, and establishes the process for developing evaluation criteria. This document also serves to open the application period. Certain information, as outlined in this notice, must be filed in an application with Customs prior to an applicant being approved for participation. It is important to note that certain aspects of this prototype may be modified prior to implementation of the final reconciliation program.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** The testing period of this prototype will commence no earlier than October 1, 1998, will run for approximately two years, and may be extended. The prototype will be limited to consumption entries filed on or after October 1, 1998, through September 30, 2000. Comments concerning this notice and applications to participate in the prototype are requested by March 31, 1998.