

revised to reflect the nameplate of Nissan's exempted vehicle line.

If Nissan 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 541.6 (marking of major component parts and replacement parts).

NHTSA notes that if Nissan 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, § 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.

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Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

[Docket No. BTS-99-5889]

Motor Carrier Financial and Operating Information; Requests for Exemptions From Public Release of Reports

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Class I and Class II motor carriers of property and household goods are required to file annual and

quarterly reports with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). As provided by statute, carriers may request that their reports be withheld from public release. BTS has received about 25 requests covering the 1998 annual report, many of which also requested an exemption from public release of the 1999 quarterly reports. BTS invites comments on these requests.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by October 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please direct comments to the Docket Clerk, Docket No. BTS-99-5889, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Comments should identify the docket number and be submitted in duplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the Department to acknowledge receipt of their comments must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: Comments on Docket BTS-99-5889. The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard and mail it back to the commenter.

If you wish to file comments using the Internet, you may use the U.S. DOT Dockets Management System website at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Please follow the instructions online for more information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

I. Electronic Access

You can download an electronic copy of this document using a modem and suitable communications software from the **Federal Register** Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512-1661. If you have access to the Internet, you can obtain an electronic copy at <http://www.bts.gov/mcs/rulemaking.htm>.

II. Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 14123 and its implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 1420, BTS collects financial and operating information from for-hire motor carriers of property and household goods. The data are collected on annual Form M, filed by Class I and Class II carriers, and quarterly Form QFR, filed only by Class I carriers. The data are used by the Department of Transportation, other federal agencies, motor carriers, shippers, industry

analysts, labor unions, segments of the insurance industry, investment analysts, and the consultants and data vendors that support these users. Among the uses of the data are: (1) Developing the U.S. national accounts and preparing the quarterly estimates of the Gross Domestic Product, which help us better understand the U.S. economy and the motor carrier industry's role in it; (2) measuring the performance of the for-hire motor carrier industry and segments within it; (3) monitoring carrier safety; (4) benchmarking carrier performance; and (5) analyzing motor carrier safety and productivity.

Generally, all data are made publicly available. A carrier can, however, request that its report be withheld from public release, as provided for by statute, 49 U.S.C. 14123(c)(2), and its implementing regulations, 49 CFR 1420.9. BTS will grant a request upon a proper showing that the carrier is not a publicly held corporation or that the carrier is not subject to financial reporting requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and that the exemption is necessary to avoid competitive harm and to avoid the disclosure of information that qualifies as trade secret or privileged or confidential information under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4). The carrier must submit a written request containing supporting information. BTS must receive the request by the report's due date, unless it is postmarked by the due date or there are extenuating circumstances. Requests covering the quarterly reports must be received by the due date of the annual report which relates to the prior year.

In accordance with our regulations, after each due date of each annual report BTS then publishes a notice, such as this one, in the **Federal Register** requesting comments on any requests its receives. After considering the requests and comments, BTS will make a decision to grant or deny each request no later than 90 days after the request's due date. While a decision is pending, BTS will not publicly release the report except as allowed under 49 CFR 1420.10(c).

III. Request for Comments

BTS invites comments on the requests for exemption from public release it has received. These requests cover the 1998 annual report and some also cover the 1999 quarterly reports. The comments should be made within the context of the governing regulations at 49 CFR 1420.9, which are published in the **Federal Register** on March 23, 1999 (64 FR 13916). The carriers that have pending requests that we invite your comments on are:

B. N. M. Fertilizer Transport, Inc. (MC 119019)
 Bilbo Transports, Inc. (MC 134547)
 Bolus Freight Systems, Inc. (MC 63838)
 BT Incorporated (MC 182282)
 Clarksville Refrigerated Lines, Inc. (MC 262995)
 Contract Freighters, Inc. (MC 119399)
 Cumberland Transportation Corp. (MC 144029)
 Drug Transport, Inc. (MC 166323)
 Dupre Transport, Inc. (MC 158069)
 Gainey Transportation Services, Inc. (MC 182313)
 Howard's Express, Inc. (MC 97006)
 Leprino Transportation Company (MC 150255)
 Lester Coggins Trucking, Inc. (MC 140484)
 Melton Truck Lines, Inc. (MC 100666)
 NSG Transport, Inc. (MC 222180)
 Puget Sound Truck Lines, Inc. (MC 85255)
 Schneider National Bulk Carriers, Inc. (MC 143594)
 Schneider National Carriers, Inc. (MC 133655)
 Schneider Specialized Carriers, Inc. (MC 113855)
 Schneider Tank Lines, Inc. (MC 110988)
 Schneider Transport, Inc. (MC 51146)
 Trans American Trucking Service, Inc. (MC 149576)
 Truckers Express, Inc. (MC 160919)
 Umthun Trucking Co. (MC 124813)

If you wish to read the exemption requests and the comments that were submitted in response to this Notice, use the DOT Dockets Management System. This is located at the Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590, and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Internet users can access the Dockets Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help.

You must also use the Dockets Management System if you wish to comment on one or more exemption requests. Please follow the instructions listed above under **ADDRESSES**.

Ashish Sen,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Office of Thrift Supervision

Federal Reserve System

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCIES: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Joint notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the OCC, the OTS, the Board, and the FDIC (collectively, the "agencies"), hereby give notice that they plan to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requests for review of the information collection systems described below. The Agencies may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The Agencies, under the auspices of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), intend to extend without revision the following currently approved information collections: the Annual Report of Trust Assets (FFIEC 001), the Annual Report of International Fiduciary Activities (FFIEC 006), the Country Exposure Report (FFIEC 009), and the Country Exposure Information Report (FFIEC 009a), with minor clarifications to the FFIEC 009 instructions. At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine whether the FFIEC and the agencies should modify the information collections. The agencies will then submit the reports to OMB for review and approval.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to any or all of the agencies. All comments should refer to the OMB control number(s) and will be shared among the agencies.

OCC: Written comments on the FFIEC 001, 006, 009, and 009a should be submitted to the Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, S.W., Third Floor, Attention: 1557-0127 (FFIEC 001 and 006) or 1557-0100 (FFIEC 009 and 009a). Washington, D.C. 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-5274, or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. Comments will be available for inspection and photocopying at the OCC's Public Reference Room, 250 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20219 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on business days. Appointments for inspection of comments may be made by calling (202) 874-5043.

OTS: Written comments on the FFIEC 001 should be submitted to the Manager, Dissemination Branch, Information Management and Services Division, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, Attention: 1550-0005. Hand deliver comments to Public Reference Room 1700 G Street, N.W., lower level, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on business days. Send facsimile transmissions to FAX Number (202) 906-7755; or (202) 906-6956 (if comments are over 25 pages). Send e-mail to "public.info@ots.treas.gov", and include your name and telephone number.

Interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reference Room, 1700 G St. N.W., from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on business days.

Board: Written comments on the FFIEC 001, 006, 009, and 009a should be addressed to Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551, or delivered to the Board's mail room between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., and to the security control room outside of those hours. Both the mail room and the security control room are accessible from the courtyard entrance on 20th Street between Constitution Avenue and C Street, N.W. Comments received may be inspected in room M-P-500 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except as provided in § 261.12 of the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, 12 CFR 261.12(a).

FDIC: Written comments on the FFIEC 001, 009, and 009a should be addressed to Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary, Attention: Comments/OES, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429. Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 550 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between