

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Title: 49 CFR part 556, *Exemption for Inconsequential Defect or Noncompliance.*

OMB Number: 2127—0045.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection which has expired.

Abstract: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's statute at 49 U.S.C. 30118, *Notification of Defects and Noncompliance*, and 49 U.S.C. 30120, *Remedies for Defects and Noncompliance*, generally requires manufacturers of motor vehicles and items of replacement equipment to conduct a notification and remedy campaign (recall) when their products are determined to contain a safety-related defect or a noncompliance with a Federal motor vehicle safety standard (FMVSS). Those sections require a manufacturer of motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment to notify distributors, dealers, and purchasers if any of the manufacturer's products are determined to either contain a safety-related defect or fail to comply with an applicable FMVSS. The manufacturer is under a concomitant obligation to remedy such defect or noncompliance. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h), *Exemptions*, a manufacturer may seek an exemption from these notification and remedy requirements on the basis that the defect or noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety. NHTSA exercised this statutory authority to excuse inconsequential defects or noncompliances when it promulgated 49 CFR part 566, *Exemption for Inconsequential Defect or Noncompliance*. This regulation establishes the procedures for manufacturers to submit exemption petitions to the agency and the procedures the agency will use in evaluating those petitions. Part 556 allows the agency to ensure that inconsequentiality petitions are both properly substantiated and efficiently processed.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit entities.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 200.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, 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 Agency, including whether the information will

have practical utility; the accuracy of the Agency'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 most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued on: February 5, 2008.

Daniel C. Smith,

Associate Administrator for Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket Number PHMSA–2007–28119; Notice No. 07–9]

Proposed Recommended Practices for Bulk Loading and Unloading of Hazardous Materials in Transportation

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comments; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is extending until March 14, 2008, the period for interested persons to submit comments on the agency's January 4, 2008 notice concerning proposed recommended practices for bulk loading and unloading of hazardous materials. The January 4, 2008 notice summarizes incident data related to bulk loading and unloading operations; discusses recommendations issued by the National Transportation Safety Board and the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; provides an overview of current Federal regulations applicable to bulk loading and unloading operations; summarizes the results of a public workshop PHMSA hosted last year; and sets forth proposed recommended practices for bulk loading and unloading operations. Based on information and comments received, we plan to consider strategies for enhancing the safety of bulk loading and unloading operations, including whether additional regulatory requirements may be necessary.

DATES: Submit comments by March 14, 2008. To the extent possible, we will consider comments received after this date and consider strategies including additional regulatory requirements, as necessary.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the docket number PHMSA–2007–28119; Notice No. 07–9 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Web Site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Routing Symbol M–30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* To Docket Operations, Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this notice at the beginning of the comment. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to the docket management system, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the dockets to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or <http://dms.dot.gov> (until December 31, 2007) or DOT's Docket Operations Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the document (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477) or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Boyle, Office of Hazardous Materials Technology, (202) 366–4545 or Kurt Eichenlaub, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards, (202) 366–8553, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 4, 2008, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA, we) published a notice (No. 07–9) under Docket PHMSA–2007–28119 soliciting information and comments on proposed recommended practices for loading and

unloading operations involving bulk packagings used to transport hazardous materials.

In the January 4, 2008 notice, we summarized incident data related to bulk loading and unloading operations; discussed recommendations issued by the National Transportation Safety Board and the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; provided an overview of current Federal regulations applicable to bulk loading and unloading operations; summarized the results of a public workshop we hosted last year; and set forth proposed recommended practices for bulk loading and unloading operations. The comment period for the notice was to end on February 8, 2008.

The American Trucking Association (ATA) requests an additional 30 days in which to submit comments to the notice. ATA states additional time will allow its members to more fully understand and comment on the potential impact of the proposed recommended practices to the trucking industry. We agree that an extension of 30 days is in the public interest and, accordingly, we are extending the closing date of the comment period until March 14, 2008.

Issued in Washington, DC on February 5, 2008.

Robert Richard,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Notice 2007-100

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Notice 2007-100, Transition Relief and Guidance on Corrections of Certain Failures of a Nonqualified Deferred

Compensation Plan to Comply with section 409(a) in Operation.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 8, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of notice should be directed to Allan Hopkins, at (202) 622-6665, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Transition Relief and Guidance on Corrections of Certain Failures of a Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan to Comply with section 409(a) in Operation

OMB Number: 1545-2086.

Notice Number: Notice 2007-100.

Abstract: This notice sets forth the procedures to be followed by service recipients and service providers in order to correct certain operational failures of a nonqualified deferred compensation plan to comply with section 409A(a). It also describes the types of operational failures that can be corrected under the notice.

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

Type of Review: This is an extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions, not-for-profit institutions, and individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Estimated Average Time per Respondent: 30 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

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. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: February 1, 2008.

Allan Hopkins,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8896

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8896, Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel Production Credit.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 8, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6512, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Allan Hopkins, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-6665, or through the internet at Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: