

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. § 30115, and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR Part 592. As specified in 49 CFR 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the Federal Register of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period, NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible for importation. The agency then publishes this decision in the Federal Register.

Champagne Imports, Inc. of Lansdale, Pennsylvania (Registered Importer No. R-90-009) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether 1992 Mercedes-Benz 230CE passenger cars are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicle which Champagne believes is substantially similar is the 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300CE. Champagne has submitted information indicating that Daimler Benz, A.G., the company that manufactured the 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300CE, certified that vehicle as conforming to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards and offered it for sale in the United States.

The petitioner contends that it carefully compared the 1992 Mercedes-Benz 230CE to the 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300CE, and found the two models to be substantially similar with respect to compliance with most applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Champagne submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that the 1992 Mercedes-Benz 230CE, as originally manufactured, conforms to many Federal motor vehicle safety standards in the same manner as the 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300CE that was offered for sale in the United States, or is capable of being readily altered to conform to those standards.

Specifically, the petitioner claims that the 1992 Mercedes-Benz 230CE is identical to the certified 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300CE with respect to compliance with Standards Nos. 102 *Transmission Shift Lever Sequence* \* \* \*, 103 *Defrosting and Defogging Systems*, 104 *Windshield Wiping and Washing Systems*, 105 *Hydraulic Brake Systems*, 106 *Brake Hoses*, 109 *New Pneumatic Tires*, 113 *Hood Latch Systems*, 116 *Brake Fluid*, 124 *Accelerator Control Systems*, 201 *Occupant Protection in Interior Impact*, 202 *Head Restraints*, 203 *Impact Protection for the Driver From the Steering Control System*, 204 *Steering Control Rearward Displacement*, 205 *Glazing Materials*, 206 *Door Locks and Door Retention Components*, 207 *Seating Systems*, 209 *Seat Belt Assemblies*, 210 *Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages*, 212 *Windshield Retention*, 216 *Roof Crush Resistance*, 219 *Windshield Zone Intrusion*, and 302 *Flammability of Interior Materials*.

Additionally, the petitioner states that the 1992 Mercedes-Benz 230CE complies with the Bumper Standard found in 49 CFR Part 581.

Petitioner also contends that the vehicle is capable of being readily altered to meet the following standards, in the manner indicated:

**Standard No. 101 Controls and Displays:** (a) substitution of a lens marked "Brake" for a lens with an noncomplying symbol on the brake failure indicator lamp; (b) installation of a seat belt warning lamp that displays the appropriate symbol; (c) recalibration of the speedometer/odometer from kilometers to miles per hour.

**Standard No. 108 Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment:** (a) installation of U.S.-model headlamp assemblies which incorporate U.S.-model headlamps; (b) installation of U.S.-model front and rear sidemarker/reflector assemblies; (c) installation of U.S.-model taillamp assemblies; (c) installation of a high mounted stop lamp.

**Standard No. 110 Tire Selection and Rims:** installation of a tire information placard.

**Standard No. 111 Rearview Mirrors:** replacement of the convex passenger side rear view mirror.

**Standard No. 114 Theft Protection:** installation of a buzzer microswitch in the steering lock assembly, and a warning buzzer.

**Standard No. 118 Power Window Systems:** rewiring of the power window system so that the window transport is inoperative when the ignition is switched off.

**Standard No. 208 Occupant Crash Protection:** (a) installation of a U.S.-

model seat belt in the driver's position, or a belt webbing-actuated microswitch inside the driver's seat belt retractor; (b) installation of an ignition switch-actuated seat belt warning lamp and buzzer; (c) replacement of the driver's side air bag and knee bolster with U.S.-model components. The petitioner states that the vehicle is equipped with a combination lap and shoulder restraint that adjusts by means of an automatic retractor and releases by means of a single push button in each front designated seating position, and with combination lap and shoulder restraints with a single button release in both rear outboard seating positions.

**Standard No. 214 Side Impact Protection:** installation of reinforcing beams.

**Standard No. 301 Fuel System Integrity:** installation of a rollover valve in the fuel tank vent line between the fuel tank and the evaporative emissions collection canister.

Additionally, the petitioner states that a vehicle identification number (VIN) plate must be affixed to the vehicle to comply with 49 CFR Part 565.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments on the petition described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: Docket Section, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5109, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. It is requested but not required that 10 copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be considered, and will be available for examination in the docket at the above address both before and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the Federal Register pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

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Marilynne Jacobs,  
Director,

Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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**Surface Transportation Board****Agency Information Collection Under OMB Review**

The following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of

the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) is being submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval. Copies of the form and supporting documents may be obtained from the Agency Clearance Officer, Ellen Keys, (202) 927-5673. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to Ellen Keys, Surface Transportation Board, Room 2221, Washington, DC 20423 and to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Desk Officer for STB, Washington, DC 20503. When submitting comments, refer to the OMB number or the title of the form.

*Type of Clearance:* Reinstatement, without change of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Office:* Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

*Title of Form:* Annual Report Form R-1, Class I Railroads.

*OMB Form Number:* 3120-0029.

*Agency Form Number:* R-1.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*No. of Respondents:* 10.

*Total Burden Hours:* 8,000.

Vernon A. Williams,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 27, 1997.

The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) 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 OTS Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the OTS Clearance Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 5, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

*OMB Number:* 1550-0061.

*Form Number:* Not Applicable.

*Type of Review:* Extension of an approved collection.

*Title:* Outside Borrowings.

*Description:* This information is collected from savings associations that

do not meet capital requirements. These institutions must give ten days prior notification before making long-term borrowings. This information is used to monitor the safety and soundness of institutions that do not meet their capital requirements.

*Respondents:* Savings and Loan Associations and Savings Banks.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* 4 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 4 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Colleen M. Devine, (202) 906-6025, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20552.

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

Catherine C.M. Teti,

Director, Records Management and Information Policy.

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** United States Information Agency.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB Review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces that the following information collection activity has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. USIA is requesting approval for a revision and three-year extension of an information collection entitled "Surveys, Interviews, and other Audience Research for Radio and TV Marti" under OMB control number 3116-0197 which expires February 28, 1997. Estimated burden hours per response is 1.15 hours. Respondents are required to respond only one time.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before March 5, 1997.

**COPIES:** Copies of the Request for Clearance (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that have been submitted to OMB for approval may be obtained from the USIA Clearance Officer. Comments should be submitted to the Office of

Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for USIA, and also to the USIA Clearance Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Agency Clearance Officer, Ms. Jeannette Giovetti, United States Information Agency, M/ADD, 301 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, telephone (202) 619-4408, internet address JGiovett@USIA.GOV; and OMB review: Ms. Victoria Wassmer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 1002, NEOB, Washington, D.C. 20503, Telephone (202) 395-5871.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 3, 1996 (Vol. 61, No. 233).

Public reporting burden for this collection of information (Paper Work Reduction Project: OMB No. 3116-0211) is estimated to average 1.15 hours, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the United States Information Agency, M/ADD, 301 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 10202, NEOB, Washington, D.C. 20503.

*Title:* "Surveys, Interviews, and other Audience Research for Radio and TV Marti"

*Abstract:* Data from this information collection are used by USIA's Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB) in fulfillment of its mandate to evaluate effectiveness of Radio and TV Marti operations by estimating the audience size and composition for broadcasts; and assess signal reception, credibility and relevance of programming through this research.

*Proposed Frequency of Responses:*

No. of Respondents—1788.

Recordkeeping Hours—1.15.

Total Annual Burden—2052.