National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Title: 49 CFR 575—Consumer Information Regulations (sections 103 and 105).
OMC Control Number: 2127–0049.
Form Number: None.
Affected Public: Vehicle manufacturers.
Requested Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from approval date.

Abstract: NHTSA must ensure that motor vehicle manufacturers comply with 49 CFR part 575, Consumer Information Regulation part 575.103 Truck-camper loading and Part 575.105 Utility Vehicles. Part 575.103 requires that manufacturers of light trucks that are capable of accommodating slide-in campers, provide information on the cargo weight rating and the longitudinal limits within which the center of gravity for the cargo weight rating should be located. Part 575.105 requires that manufacturers of utility vehicles, affix a sticker in a prominent location alerting drivers that the particular handling and maneuvering characteristics of utility vehicles require special driving practices when these vehicles are operated.

Estimated Annual Burden: 300 hours.
Number of Respondents: 15.

Based on prior years’ manufacturer submissions, the agency estimates that 15 responses will be submitted annually. Currently 12 light truck manufacturers comply with 49 CFR part 575. These manufacturers file one response annually and submit an additional response when they introduce a new model. Changes are rarely filed with the agency, but we estimate that three manufacturers will alter their information because of model changes. The light truck manufacturers gather only pre-existing data for the purposes of this regulation. Based on previous years’ manufacturer information, the agency estimates that light truck manufacturers use a total of 20 hours. Specifically, manufacturers use 9 hours to gather and arrange the data in its proper format, 4 hours to distribute the information to its dealerships and attach labels to light trucks that are capable of accommodating slide-in campers and 7 hours to print the labels and utility vehicle information in the owner’s manual or a separate document included with the owner’s manual. The estimated annual burden hour is 300 hours. This number reflects the total responses (15) times the total hours (20). Prior years’ manufacturer information indicates that it takes an average of $35.00 per hour for professional and clerical staff to gather data, distribute and print material. Therefore, the agency estimates that the cost associated with the burden hours is $10,500 ($35.00 per hour × 300 burden hours).

Estimated Annual Cost: $2,432,924.

The annual cost is based on light truck production. In model year 2011, light truck manufacturers produced about 6,951,210 units. By assuming that all light truck manufacturers (both large and small volume manufacturers) incur the same cost, the total annual cost to comply with statutory requirements, §575.103 and §575.105 = $2,432,924 (or $0.35 each unit).

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.
• Whether the Department’s estimate for the burden of the proposed information collection is accurate.
• 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: April 26, 2012.
Christopher J. Bonanti, Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans will be held on June 1–2, 2012, in room 900 at 1722 Eye Street NW., Washington, DC, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on June 1 and from 8 a.m. to noon on June 2. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with an on-going assessment of the effectiveness of the policies, organizational structures, and services of the Department in assisting homeless Veterans. The Committee shall assemble and review information relating to the needs of homeless Veterans and provide on-going advice on the most appropriate means of providing assistance to homeless Veterans. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On June 1, the Committee will receive briefings from VA and other officials on services for homeless Veterans. On June 2, the Committee will begin final preparation of its upcoming annual report and recommendations to the Secretary.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested parties should provide written comments on issues affecting homeless Veterans for review by the Committee to Mr. Pete Dougherty, Designated Federal Officer, Homeless Veterans Initiative Office (075D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 1722 Eye Street NW., Washington, DC 20006, or email to Pete.Dougherty@va.gov. Individuals who wish to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Dougherty at (202) 461–1857.

By Direction of the Secretary.
Vivian Drake, Committee Management Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board, Notice of Meeting Amendment

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the meetings for the following three panels of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board have changed their meeting date or location as originally announced in the Federal Register on April 4, 2012. They are:
• Cellular and Molecular Medicine will meet on June 4, 2012, at the
Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria and not at VA Central Office.
- Clinical Research Program will meet on June 7–8, 2012, at VA Central Office and not at Sheraton Suites—Old Town Alexandria.

The addresses of the hotel and VA Central Office are:
L’Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L’Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC.
Sheraton Suites—Old Town Virginia, 801 North Saint Asaph Street, Alexandria, Virginia.
*VA Central Office, 131 M Street NE., Washington, DC.
*Teleconference.

The purpose of the Board is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration. Proposals submitted for review by the Board involve a wide range of medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research.

The panel meetings will be open to the public for approximately one-half hour at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each panel meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals.

The closed portion of each meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. During this portion of each meeting, discussions will deal with scientific merit of each proposal and qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, as well as research information, the premature disclosure of which could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research proposals. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, as amended, closing portions of these panel meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

Those who plan to attend the general session or would like to obtain a copy of minutes of the panel meetings and rosters of the members of the panels should contact LeRoy G. Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review (10P9B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or call (202) 443–5674 or by email at Leroy.frey@va.gov.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Vivian Drake,
Committee Management Officer.

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