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- (i) 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;
- (ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks public comment on the following proposed collections of information:

#### 49 CFR Part 574, Tire Identification and Record

*Type of Request*—Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*OMB Clearance Number*—2127-0050.

*Form Number*—This collection of information uses no standard form.

*Requested Expiration Date of Approval*—Three years from the approval date.

*Summary of the Collection of Information*—NHTSA requires each tire manufacturer to collect and maintain records of the names and addresses of the first purchasers of new tires. To carry out this mandate, 49 CFR Part 574 requires tire dealers and distributors to record the names and addresses of retail purchasers of new tires and the identification number(s) of the tire sold.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information*—The information is used by a tire manufacturer, when it determines that some of its tires either fail to comply with an applicable safety standard or contain a safety-related defect. With the information on the registration form, the tire manufacturer

can notify the first purchaser of the tire and provide the purchaser with any necessary information or instructions.

*Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number, and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)*—Estimated number is 3,750,000; Frequency of response—occurs each time a tire is sold.

*Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Record keeping Burden Resulting from the Collection of Information*—747,500 hours.

NHTSA estimates that small businesses will need to spend the same 45 seconds per tire sale to register the tires as the larger businesses. It is not possible to reduce this burden further because Congress mandated that the same forms and the same procedures used to register each manufacturer's tires (49 U.S.C. 30117(b)). However, since these small businesses make fewer sales than larger dealers, they will spend less time on tire registrations. The amount of time per sale spent to register tires does not impose an undue burden on the small businesses involved.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c); delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

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L. Robert Shelton,  
Associate Administrator for Safety  
Performance Standards.

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#### [Docket No. 96-109; Notice 1]

#### Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment on proposed collections of information.

**SUMMARY:** Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under new procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatements of previously approved collections.

This document describes a collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 28, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must refer to the docket and notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be

submitted to Docket Section, Room 5109, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB Clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that 1 original plus 2 copies of the comments be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Complete copies of each request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Mr. Ed Kosek, NHTSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 6123, Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Kosek's telephone number is (202) 366-2589. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Clearance Number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must publish a document in the Federal Register providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulations (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

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In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks public comment on the following proposed collection of information:

Insurer Reporting Requirement for 49 CFR Part 544

*Type of Request*—Reinstatement of clearance.

*OMB Clearance Number*—2127-0547.

**Form Number**—This collection of information uses no standard forms.

**Requested Expiration Date of Approval**—Three years from date of approval.

**Summary of the Collection of Information**—The Motor Vehicle Theft Law Enforcement Act of 1984 was amended by the Anti Car Theft Act (ACTA) of 1992 (P.L. 102-519) which mandated this information collection. One component of the comprehensive theft prevention package required the Secretary of Transportation (delegated to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)) to promulgate a theft prevention standard to provide for the identification of certain motor vehicles and their major replacement parts to impede motor vehicle theft. Section 615 of the ACTA requires insurance companies and rental/leasing companies to provide information to NHTSA on comprehensive insurance premiums which address motor vehicle theft.

**Description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information**—The insurer's report will be submitted by motor vehicle insurance companies and rental/leasing companies on an annual basis to NHTSA. All rental/leasing companies (which have a fleet of 50,000 or more units in its fleet and are not covered by theft insurance policies issued by motor vehicle insurers) are bound to comply. Specific motor vehicle insurance companies and subject rental and leasing companies are listed in Appendices A, B, and C of Part 544. These reports are required to be submitted in a specified format as shown in Parts 544.5 and 544.6, giving requirements and contents of the report.

The information will be used by NHTSA in exercising its statutory authority to help reduce comprehensive insurance premiums charged by insurers of motor vehicles due to motor vehicle thefts. The report will also show the rate of theft and recoveries of stolen vehicles that they insure by type and other categories.

Without this information, the agency cannot adequately assess the effectiveness of the ACTA as directed by Congress.

**Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number, and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)**—The respondents are specific vehicle insurance companies, and rental/leasing companies (which have a fleet size of 50,000 or more and are not covered by theft insurance policies issued by motor vehicle insurers). The agency estimates the number of respondents to total 30

vehicle insurance companies and 13 rental/leasing companies. The frequency of response to the collection of information is determined by the number of specific motor vehicle insurance companies, and rental/leasing companies listed in Appendices A, B, and C of Part 544. The lists are updated annually.

**Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden Resulting from the Collection of Information**—The agency estimates that the reporting burden for this year will be \$1,168,090 for 30 insurance companies and \$99,840 for approximately 13 rental/leasing companies with a fleet size of 50,000 or more. The reporting burden is based on claim adjusters' salaries, clerical and technical expenses, and labor costs.

Authority: 440 U.S.C. 3506(c); delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

Dated: October 28, 1996.

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Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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#### [Docket No. 96-100; Notice No. 1]

#### Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment on proposed collections of information.

**SUMMARY:** This notice solicits public comments that labeling requirements ensure that tires are mounted on the appropriate rims; and that the rims and tires are mounted on the vehicles for which they are intended.

Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under new procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatements of previously approved collections.

This document describes the collection of data used by a tire manufacturer, when it determines that some of its tires either fail to comply with an applicable safety standard or contain a safety-related defect, for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 28, 1997.

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Tires and Rims Labeling

**Type of Request**—Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved