

*Type Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

*Affected Public:* Maritime Industry and recreational boating public.

*Abstract:* Customer satisfaction surveys are required by Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards, to ensure the USCG provides the highest quality service to its customers. Steps will be taken to assure anonymity of respondents in each activity covered under this request.

*Need for Information:* Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Standards, directs USCG to conduct surveys to determine the kind and quality of services the Marine industry and the recreational boating public wants and expects.

*Proposed use of Information:* This information will be used by the Coast Guard to improve service delivery and determine whether additional services are needed.

*Annual Burden Estimates:* The annual burden estimate is 4,711 hours.

*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; the accuracy of the Department 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.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention USCG Desk Officer.

Issued in Washington, DC on May 13, 1997.

**Phillip A. Leach,**

*Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. M-035]

#### Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before July 18, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edmond J. Fitzgerald, Director, Office of Subsidy and Insurance, MAR-570, Room 8117, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2400 or fax 202-366-7901. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* Seamen's Claims; Administrative Action and Litigation.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0522.

*Form Number:* None.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* August 31, 1997.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* Collects information from claimants for death, injury or illness suffered while serving as officers or members of a crew employed on vessels as employees of the United States through the National Shipping Authority, Maritime Administration (MARAD), or successor.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information collected is evaluated by MARAD to determine if the claim is fair and reasonable. If the claim is allowed, it is settled, a release is obtained from the claimant verifying consummation of the settlement, and payment is made to the claimant.

*Description of Respondents:* Officers or members of a crew (or their surviving dependents or beneficiaries, or by their legal representatives) who suffered death, injury, or illness while employed on vessels as employees of the United States through the National Shipping Authority, Maritime Administration (MARAD), or successor.

*Annual Responses:* 250.

*Annual Burden:* 750 hours.

*Comments:* Send all comments regarding this information collection to Joel C. Richard, Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-120, Room 7210, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Send comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this

burden, and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: May 14, 1997.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. 97-24; Notice 1]

#### Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 1993 Jeep Wrangler Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicles Are Eligible for Importation

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1993 Jeep Wrangler multi-purpose passenger vehicles (MPVs) are eligible for importation.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that a 1993 Jeep Wrangler manufactured for the Middle Eastern and other foreign markets that was not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards is eligible for importation into the United States because (1) It is substantially similar to a vehicle that was originally manufactured for sale in the United States and that was certified by its manufacturer as complying with the safety standards, and (2) it is capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

**DATES:** The closing date for comments on the petition is June 18, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to the docket number and notice number, and be submitted to: Docket Section, Room 5109, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 9:30 am to 4 pm].

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Entwistle, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5306).

#### 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**.

Wallace Environmental Testing Laboratories, Inc., of Houston, Texas ("Wallace") (Registered Importer 90-005) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether 1993 Jeep Wrangler MPVs manufactured for the Middle Eastern and other foreign markets are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicle which Wallace believes is substantially similar is the 1993 Jeep Wrangler that was manufactured for sale in the United States and certified by its manufacturer, Chrysler Corporation, as conforming to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The petitioner claims that it carefully compared the non-U.S. certified 1993 Jeep Wrangler to its U.S. certified counterpart, and found the two vehicles to be substantially similar with respect to compliance with most Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Wallace submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that the non-U.S. certified 1993 Jeep Wrangler, as originally manufactured, conforms to many Federal motor vehicle safety standards in the same manner as its U.S. certified counterpart, or is capable of being readily altered to conform to those standards.

Specifically, the petitioner claims that the non-U.S. certified 1993 Jeep Wrangler is identical to its U.S. certified counterpart with respect to compliance with Standard Nos. 101 *Controls and Displays*, 102 *Transmission Shift Lever Sequence*, \* \* \*, 103 *Defrosting and Defogging Systems*, 104 *Windshield*

*Wiping and Washing Systems*, 105 *Hydraulic Brake Systems*, 106 *Brake Hoses*, 108 *Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment*, 111 *Rearview Mirrors*, 113 *Hood Latch Systems*, 114 *Theft Protection*, 116 *Brake Fluid*, 119 *New Pneumatic Tires*, 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*, 208 *Occupant Crash Protection*, 209 *Seat Belt Assemblies*, 210 *Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages*, 212 *Windshield Retention*, 216 *Roof Crush Resistance*, 219 *Windshield Zone Intrusion*, 301 *Fuel System Integrity*, and 302 *Flammability of Interior Materials*.

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

Standard No. 120 *Tire Selection and Rims*: installation of a tire information placard.

Additionally, the petitioner states that a vehicle identification number plate must be affixed to the vehicle to meet the requirements of 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.

Issued on: May 13, 1997.

**Marilynne Jacobs,**

*Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of the Public Debt

#### Proposed Collection: Comment Request

**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 Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Certificate by owner of United States Registered Securities Concerning Forged Requests for Payment or Assignments.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before July 21, 1997, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Vicki S. Thorpe, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, (304) 480-6553.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Certificate By Owner Of United States Registered Securities Concerning Forged Requests For Payment or Assignments.

**OMB Number:** 1535-0067.

**Form Number:** PD F 0974.

**Abstract:** The information is requested to establish whether the registered owner signed the request for payment or if the signature was a forgery.

**Current Actions:** None.

**Type of Review:** Extension.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 3,000.

**Estimated Time Per Respondent:** 15 minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 750.

#### Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB