

Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) at the end of 2002. Initial leg form tests were proposed in 2004. Since then, the U.S. has been working with representatives from WP.29 and IHRA to refine these testing procedures for inclusion in the GTR.

NHTSA has also participated in the pedestrian safety technical working group established under the GRSP since 2002. In March 2004, a formal proposal to develop a pedestrian safety GTR was adopted by the Executive Committee for the 1998 Agreement (AC.3) under the sponsorship of the European Commission. The working group is chaired by Japan.

This GTR is expected to improve pedestrian safety by requiring vehicle hoods and bumpers to absorb energy more efficiently when impacted in a 40 kilometer per hour (km/h) vehicle-to-pedestrian impact. These incidents account for more than 75 percent of the pedestrian-injured accidents (AIS 1+) reported by IHRA/PS. Pedestrian fatalities in countries that implement the GTR could be reduced by between 1 and 5 percent depending on the contracting party's transportation environment. The GTR consists of two sets of performance criteria applying to: (a) The hood top and fenders; and (b) the front bumper. Test procedures have been developed using sub-system impacts for adult and child head protection and adult leg protection.

The head impact requirements will ensure that hood tops and fenders provide head protection when struck by a pedestrian. In testing, the hood top and fenders would be impacted with a child headform and an adult headform at 35 km/h. The Head Injury Criterion (HIC) must not exceed 1,000 over one half of a child headform test area and must not exceed 1,000 over two thirds of the combined child and adult headform test areas. The HIC for the remaining areas must not exceed 1,700 for both headforms.

The leg protection requirements for the front bumper would require bumpers to subject pedestrians to lower impact forces than result from most current designs. The testing required by this GTR specifies that the vehicle bumper is struck at 40 km/h with a legform that simulates the impact response of an adult's leg. Vehicles with a lower bumper height of less than 425 millimeters (mm) are tested with a lower legform test device, while vehicles with a lower bumper height of more than 500mm are tested with an upper legform test device. Vehicles with a lower bumper height between 425mm and 500mm are tested with either legform as chosen by the manufacturer.

In the lower legform-to-bumper test, vehicles must meet limits on lateral knee bending angle, knee shearing displacement, and lateral tibia acceleration. In the upper legform to bumper test, limits are placed on the instantaneous sum of the impact forces with respect to time and the bending moment on the test. More detailed information on these test procedures was provided in previous notices and through the UN Web site as they were considered by WP.29.

This GTR is expected to be considered for establishment by vote at the upcoming November 2008 session of WP.29/AC.3. Once a GTR is established through consensus voting at WP.29, Contracting Parties, while not obligated to automatically adopt the regulation, are obligated to initiate the process of rulemaking in their respective jurisdictions. If a GTR is established, it is the agency's policy to initiate domestic rulemaking to adopt its requirements, including a cost and benefit analysis specific to the U.S. This process provides further opportunity for the public to comment on our proposed regulation for consideration through the usual U.S. rulemaking process.

In anticipation of the vote to establish a GTR for pedestrian safety, NHTSA is requesting comment from all interested parties. The draft regulation and associated documents can be found in the docket for this notice and on the UNECE Web site.²

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Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub-No. 5) (2008-4)]

Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

SUMMARY: The Board has approved the fourth quarter 2008 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The fourth quarter 2008 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.199. The fourth quarter 2008 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.550. The fourth quarter 2008 RCAF-5 is 0.520.

² ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2007/105

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 1, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pedro Ramirez, (202) 245-0333. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available on our Web site <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS: 1-800-877-8339.]

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Decided: September 18, 2008.

By the Board, Chairman Nottingham, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Buttrey.

Anne K. Quinlan,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 18, 2008.

The Department of the Treasury will submit the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 24, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)

OMB Number: 1506-0015.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Suspicious Activity Report by Money Services Business.

Form: FinCEN 109.

Description: Regulations under 31 CFR 103.20 require Money Services Business's to report suspicious

transactions to the Department of the Treasury.

Respondents: Individuals or household.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 878,400 hours.

Clearance Officer: Russell Stephenson (202) 354-6012, Department of the Treasury, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, P.O. Box 39, Vienna, VA 22183.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Robert Dahl,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 24, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB)

OMB Number: 1513-0103.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Tobacco Bond—Collateral and Tobacco Bond—Surety.

Forms: TTB F 5200.25, TTB F 5200.26.

Description: TTB requires a corporate surety bond or a collateral bond to ensure payment of the excise tax on tobacco products (TP) and cigarette paper and tubes (CP&T) removed from the factory or warehouse. These TTB forms identify the agreement to pay and the person from which TTB will attempt to collect any unpaid excise tax. Manufacturers of TP or CP&T, export warehouse proprietors, and corporate sureties, if applicable, are the respondents for these forms.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit institutions

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 25 hours

OMB Number: 1513-0053

Type of Review: Extension

Title: Report of Wine Premises Operations

Form: TTB F 5120.17

Description: This report is used to monitor wine operations, ensure collection of wine tax revenue, and ensure wine is produced in accordance with law and regulations. This report also provides raw data for TTB's monthly statistical release on wine.

Respondents: Business and other for profits.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 29,616 hours.

OMB Number: 1513-0030.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Claim—Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Taxes.

Form: TTB F 5620.8, TTB F 5629.8.

Description: This form is used by taxpayers to show the basis for a credit remission and allowance of tax on loss of taxable articles, to request a refund or abatement on taxes excessively or erroneously collected, and to request a drawback of tax paid on distilled spirits used in the production on non-beverage products.

Respondents: Business and other for profits.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 10,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Frank Foote (202) 927-9347, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Room 200 East, 1310 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Robert Dahl,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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Dates: Written comments should be received on or before October 24, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1488.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: REG-209837-96 (TD 8719 (Final)) Requirements Respecting the Adoption or Change of Accounting Method, Extensions of Time to Make Elections.

Description: The regulations provide the standards the Commissioner will use to determine whether to grant an extension of time to make certain elections.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 5,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0877.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Acquisition or Abandonment of Secured Property.

Form: 1099-A.

Description: Form 1099-A is used by lenders to report foreclosures and abandonments of property that is security for a loan.

Respondents: Businesses and other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 61,817 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1677.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: REG-136311-01 (Final) Exclusions From Gross Income of Foreign Corporations (TD 9087).

Description: This document contains rules implementing the portions of section 883(a) and (c) of the Internal Revenue Code that relate to income derived by foreign corporations from the international operation of a ship or ships or aircraft. The rules provide, in general, that a foreign corporation organized in a qualified foreign country and engaged in the international operation of ships or aircraft shall exclude qualified income from gross income for purposes of United States Federal income taxation, provided that the corporation can satisfy certain ownership and related documentation requirements.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 23,900 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1393.