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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Dr. William Fan, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5320, NPS-11, Washington, DC 20590. Dr. Fan's telephone number is (202) 366-4922. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control 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 first 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 regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

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(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

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In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collections of information:

Title: Part 589—Upper Interior Component Head Impact Protection Phase-in Requirements.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0581

Requested Expiration Date: Three years from the date of approval.

Affected Public: Business or for-profit.

Form Number: No standard form.

Summary of the Collection of Information: Manufacturers of passenger cars, trucks and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,536 kilograms or less and buses with a gross vehicle weight rating of 3,860 kilograms or less are required to respond to NHTSA inquiries, to submit a report, concerning the number of such vehicles that meet the upper interior component head impact protection requirements of Standard No. 201, Occupant Protection in Interior Impact (49 CFR 571.201).

Description of the Need for the Information: Title 49, Chapter 30115 of the U.S. Code specifies that the Secretary of Transportation shall require every manufacturer or distributor of a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment to furnish the distributor or dealer at the time of delivery certification that each item of motor vehicle equipment conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS).

Using this authority, the agency issued FMVSS No. 201, "Occupant Protection in Interior Impact," specifying test procedures and requirements for passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks, and buses. The standard specifies four optional implementation plans. There are two four-year phase-in implementation Plans starting on September 1, 1998 and with a full implementation on September 1, 2002. Vehicle manufacturers who choose these phase-in plans are required to report achievement of annual production quotas for the first four years during the phase-in period. The report is due within 60 days after August 31 of each

production year. After the report is received, requirements will cease and no further report will be required.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Record-keeping Hour Burden: It was estimated in the original request that these phase-in requirements would apply to 35 vehicle manufacturers and that the average hour burden for each manufacturer would be about 36 hours. The estimates are still valid. The estimated total annual hour burden is, therefore, 1,260 hours.

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Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket Number NHTSA-01-9468]

Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Request for public comment on an extension of a currently approved collection.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Complete copies of each request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Deborah Mazyck, NHTSA 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5320, NPS-32, Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Mazyck's telephone number is (202) 366-0846. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

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Title: Petitions for Exemption from the Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0542.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Form Number: This collection of information uses no standard forms.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. Chapter 331 requires the Secretary of Transportation 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. 49 U.S.C. 33106 provides for an exemption to this identification process by petitions from

manufacturers who equip covered vehicles with standard original equipment antitheft devices, which the Secretary determines are likely to be as effective in reducing or deterring theft as the identification system.

Estimated Annual Burden: 32 hours.

Number of Respondents: 4.

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Associate Administrator for Safety, Performance Standards.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket Number NHTSA-2001-9356]

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In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collections of information:

Title: Consolidated Vehicle Identification Number Requirements and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standards (49 CFR 571.115, and Parts 565, 541 and 567).

OMB Control Number: 2127-0510.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Form Number: This collection of information uses no standard forms.

Abstract: 49 CFR Parts 571.115 and 565.

NHTSA's statute at 15 U.S.C. 1392, 1397, 1401, 1407, and 1412 of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 authorizes the issuance of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) and the collection of data which support their implementation. The agency, in prescribing an FMVSS, is to consider available relevant motor vehicle safety