

related vehicle information was immediately requested and quickly accomplished. All production facilities were alerted of the situation so assembly procedures would be checked and any required corrective action taken.

The Company's internal review, field inspection and analysis showed that the departure from manufacturing procedures that resulted in the reported test failure was limited to Blue Bird's Midwest Plant in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, during the period beginning November 1, 1993 and ending when corrective action was implemented in early December 1999. All other plants reported ongoing conformance with assembly instructions, such that all such bus roof and other joints were manufactured in compliance with FMVSS 221 requirements.

Blue Bird Midwest initiated corrective procedures in its assembly processes immediately upon notification of the test failure. All units placed in assembly on or after December 6, 1999, have roof joint rivets spaced in conformance with assembly procedures to assure compliance with FMVSS 221 joint strength performance requirements. Further, once a determination of noncompliance was made, a stop delivery order was issued to insure that all units still in Blue Bird Midwest's possession and control were corrected prior to delivery to distributors.

#### Conclusion

The above facts and discussion have described a noncompliance that has been determined to exist on certain Blue Bird school buses. The Company does not in any way wish to discredit or minimize the performance requirements or test procedures of FMVSS 221 because of this noncompliance. Blue Bird takes full responsibility for the noncompliance that occurred and has explained how it occurred, why the noncompliance is not a safety problem and that corrective action to prevent future occurrences has been taken.

Blue Bird firmly believes that the noncompliance is inconsequential and in no way compromises the safety of the subject school buses and that the disruption of our customers and likely degradation of these buses by the indicated remedy is not in the public interest. For the reasons provided herein, Blue Bird respectfully requests that its petition for exemption be granted.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on the application of described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: U.S. Department of Transportation Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC

20590. It is requested, but not required, that two copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated below will be considered. The application and supporting materials, and all comments received after the closing date, will also be filed and will be considered to the extent possible. When the application is granted or denied, notice will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Comment closing date: April 12, 2000. (49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

Issued on: March 8, 2000.

**Stephen R. Kratzke,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 6, 2000.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. 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 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 12, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

#### U.S. Customs Service (CUS)

*OMB Number:* 1515-0046.

*Form Number:* Customs Form 3485.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Lien Notice.

*Description:* The Lien Notice enables the carriers, cartmen, and similar businesses to notify Customs that a lien exists against an individual/business for non-payment of freight charges, *etc.*, so that Customs will not permit delivery of the merchandise from public stores or a bonded warehouse until the lien is satisfied or discharged.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 8,497 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1515-0091.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Importers of Merchandise Subject to Actual Use Provisions.

*Description:* The Importers or Merchandise Subject to Actual Use Provision is part of the regulation which provides that certain items may be admitted duty-free such as farming implements, seed, potatoes, *etc.*, providing the importer can prove these items were actually used as contemplated by law. The importer must maintain detailed records and furnish a statement of use.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Recordkeepers:* 12,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Recordkeeper:* 1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Recordkeeping Burden:* 13,000 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1515-0093.

*Form Number:* Customs Form 300.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Bonded Warehouse Proprietor's Submission.

*Description:* Customs Form 300 is prepared by Bonded Warehouse Proprietor's submitted to the Customs Service annually. The document reflects all bonded merchandise entered, released, and manipulated, and includes beginning and ending inventories.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,800.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 132 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 36,000 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1515-0109.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Proof of Use Rates of Duty Dependent on Actual Use.

*Description:* The Proof of Use Rates of Duty Dependent on Actual Use declaration is needed to ensure Customs control over merchandise which is duty free. The declaration shows proof of use and must be submitted within 3 years of the date of entry or withdrawal for consumption.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,500.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 20 minutes.  
*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 3,500 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1515-0135.  
*Form Number:* None.  
*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Title:* Required Records for Smelting and Refining Warehouses.

*Description:* Each manufacturer engaged in smelting or refining must file an annual statement showing any material change in the character of the metal-bearing materials used or changes in the method of smelting or refining. Also, the records must show the receipt and disposition of each shipment.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 85 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 156 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1515-0137.  
*Form Number:* None.  
*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Declaration of Persons Who Perform Repairs or Alterations.

*Description:* The Declaration of Persons Who Perform Repairs or Alterations.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,236.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 10,236 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1515-0154.  
*Form Number:* Customs Form 339.  
*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Title:* User Fees.

*Description:* The user Fees, Customs Form 339, information is necessary for Customs to effectively collect fees from private and commercial vessels, private aircraft, operators of commercial trucks, and passenger and freight railroad cars entering the United States and recipients of certain dutiable mail entries for certain official services.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 60,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 16 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 16,000 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1515-0163.  
*Form Number:* None.  
*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Title:* Country of Origin Marking Requirements for Containers or Holders.  
*Description:* Containers or Holders imported into the United States destined for an ultimate purchaser must be marked with the English name of the country of origin at the time of importation into Customs territory.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 250.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 15 seconds.  
*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 41 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* J. Edgar Nichols (202) 927-1426, U.S. Customs Service, Printing and Records Management Branch, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 3.2.C, Washington, DC 20229.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Departmental Reports, Management Officer.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 6, 2000.

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### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

*OMB Number:* 1545-1347.  
*Regulation Project Number:* FI-7-94 and FI-36-92 Final.  
*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Title:* Arbitrage Restrictions on Tax-Exempt Bonds.

*Description:* The Code limits the ability of state and local government issuers of tax-exempt bonds to earn and/or keep arbitrage profits earned with bond proceeds. This regulation requires recordkeeping of certain interest rate hedges so that the hedges are taken into account in determining those profits.

*Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 3,100.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 14 hr., 34 min.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 42,050 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Garrick Shear, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

#### Suspension of Operations and Development of the General Test Regarding the International Trade Prototype

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that Customs is suspending operations and development of the general test regarding the International Trade Prototype (ITP) due to lack of funding. The ITP was most recently announced in the **Federal Register** on July 27, 1999. Upon prototype suspension, ITP participants must cease entering goods and transmitting data under ITP procedures. This notice identifies instructions to participants on procedures for processing outstanding prototype entries.

**DATES:** Suspension of the ITP will be effective as of April 12, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Comments regarding the suspension of this prototype should be directed to Daniel Buchanan, U.S. Customs Service at (617) 565-6236, or Pamela McGuyer, U.S. Customs Service at (202) 927-0279.