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Steve Tupper,
Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2001-10456]

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 October 23, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Philip Budwick, Maritime Administration, MAR 226, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-5167 or FAX: 202-366-7485. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Requirements for Establishing U.S. Citizenship.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0012.

Form Numbers: Special Format.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2002.

Summary of Collection of Information: In accordance with the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, participants in the various programs offered by the Maritime Administration (MARAD) must be citizens of the United States within the meaning of Section 2 of the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended. In addition, the participants in the programs must file annually an affidavit with MARAD attesting to their continuing citizenship.

Need and Use of the Information: MARAD will review the Affidavits of U.S. Citizenship to determine if the applicants are eligible to participate in the programs offered by agency.

Annual Responses: 300.

Annual Burden: 1,500 hours.

Comments: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Dated: August 20, 2001.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket NHTSA-99-5087]

Safety Performance Standards Program Meeting

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of NHTSA Rulemaking Status Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will answer questions from the public and the automobile industry regarding the agency's vehicle regulatory program.

DATES: The Agency's regular public meeting relating to its vehicle regulatory program will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2001, beginning at 9:45 a.m. and ending at approximately 12:00 p.m. at the Best Western Gateway International Hotel, 9191 Wickham, Romulus, Michigan. Questions relating to the vehicle regulatory program must be submitted in writing with a diskette (Microsoft Word) by Monday, October 22, 2001, to the address shown below or by e-mail. If sufficient time is available, questions received after October 22, may

be answered at the meeting. The individual, group or company submitting a question(s) does not have to be present for the question(s) to be answered. A consolidated list of the questions submitted by October 22, 2001, and the issues to be discussed, will be posted on NHTSA's web site (www.nhtsa.dot.gov) by Friday, November 9, 2001, and also will be available at the meeting. The agency will hold a second public meeting on November 14, devoted exclusively to a presentation of research and development programs. This meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 5:00 p.m. This meeting is described more fully in a separate announcement. The next NHTSA Public Meeting will take place on Thursday, March 14, 2002, at the Best Western Gateway International Hotel, 9191 Wickham, Romulus, Michigan.

ADDRESSES: Questions for the November 14, NHTSA Rulemaking Status Meeting, relating to the agency's vehicle regulatory program, should be submitted to Delia Lopez, NPS-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, Fax Number 202-366-4329, e-mail dlopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. The meeting will be held at the Best Western Gateway International Hotel, 9191 Wickham, Romulus, Michigan. The telephone number for the Gateway International Hotel is 734-728-2800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delia Lopez, (202) 366-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NHTSA holds regular public meetings to answer questions from the public and the regulated industries regarding the agency's vehicle regulatory program. Questions on aspects of the agency's research and development activities that relate directly to ongoing regulatory actions should be submitted, as in the past, to the agency's Safety Performance Standards Office. Transcripts of these meetings will be available for public inspection in the DOT Docket in Washington, DC, within four weeks after the meeting. Copies of the transcript will then be available at ten cents a page, (length has varied from 80 to 150 pages) upon request to DOT Docket, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The DOT Docket is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The transcript may also be accessed electronically at <http://dmses.dot.gov>, at docket NHTSA-99-5087. Questions to be answered at the public meeting should be organized by categories to help us process the

questions into an agenda form more efficiently.

Sample format:

- I. Rulemaking
 - A. Crash avoidance
 - B. Crashworthiness
 - C. Other Rulemakings
- II. Consumer Information
- III. Miscellaneous

NHTSA will provide auxiliary aids to participants as necessary. Any person desiring assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-language interpreter, telecommunications devices for deaf persons (TDDs), readers, taped texts, brailled materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Delia Lopez on (202) 366-1810, by COB Friday, November 9, 2001.

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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 No. NHTSA 2001-10382; Notice 1]

International Truck and Engine Corporation; Receipt of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

International Truck and Engine Corporation (International) of Fort Wayne, Indiana, has determined that approximately 801 vehicles produced from January 1, 1986, through January 16, 2001, are noncompliant with paragraphs 5.1.1 of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 120, "Tire Selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles Other Than Passenger Cars."

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h), International has petitioned for a determination that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety and has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports."

This notice of receipt of an application is published under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120 and does not represent any agency decision or other exercise of judgment concerning the merits of the application.

International built 801 vehicles with 295/75R22.5 tires mounted on 7.50-inch wide rims. Paragraph S5.1.1 of FMVSS No. 120 requires that vehicles be equipped with rims that are listed as

suitable for use with the tires that are mounted on them in accordance with paragraph S5.1 of FMVSS No. 119, "New Pneumatic Tires for Vehicles other than Passenger Cars." Paragraph S 5.1 of FMVSS No. 119 requires that a listing of the dimensions of the rims that may be used with each tire be provided to the public. This requirement is met if the information concerning tire and rim size matching is published in "The Tire and Rim Association, Inc." (T&RA) Yearbook. According to T&RA, the approved rim widths for the 295/75/R22.5 tires are 8.25—9.00 inches.

International states that the T&RA approved rim widths are based on an engineering guideline that the rim width should be 70 to 80 percent of the tire section width. It also cites a statement in the T&RA Yearbook that the effect of using rims of different than the design rim width is to change the tire section width by 0.1 inch for each 0.25 inch change in rim width. Consequently the 7.5 inch rim width is 67 percent of the reduced tire section width of 11.13 inches. International concludes that the 7.5 inch rim width provides 95 percent of the recommended rim width for the tire.

The petitioner has corrected its tire wheel assembly instruction charts and, as of January 17, 2001, no longer produces this noncompliant tire and wheel combination.

International states that the noncompliance of the 295/75R22.5 tires being mounted on the 7.5" wheel is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety for the following reasons:

1. International customers have operated vehicles of various model types for 15 years, with this combination of tire and wheel, with no reported problems.

2. International has corrected its tire wheel assembly instruction charts and as of 1/17/01, will no longer produce this non-compliant tire and wheel combination.

3. Many of these vehicles may have likely gone through several tire replacement cycles without reported problems.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on the application described above. Comments should refer to the docket and notice 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 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, a notice will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below. Comment closing date: September 24, 2001.

(49 U.S.C. 301118, 301120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

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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 No. NHTSA-01-10411; NOTICE 1]

Reliance Trailer Company, LLC ; Receipt of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Reliance Trailer Company, LLC, of Spokane, Washington, determined that 26 of its dump body trailers failed to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 224, "Rear Impact Protection," and has applied to be exempted from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 "Motor Vehicle Safety" on the basis that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Reliance has filed an appropriate report of noncompliance pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573 "Defects and Noncompliance Reports."

This notice of receipt of an application is published under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120 and does not represent any agency decision or other exercise of judgement concerning the merits of the application.

On May 29, 2001, Reliance filed a petition for inconsequential noncompliance after it determined that 26 dump body trailers it manufactured may not comply with FMVSS No. 224, "because their wheels were located farther ahead of the 12" wheels back dimension."

Description of Noncompliance and Reasons of Exemption

Reliance stated:

We are a small, Pacific Northwest, custom trailer manufacturer (LLC in Washington State) with a small (38 person) operation, in Western Washington, that builds aggregate hauling equipment for road building and construction industries.