

the agency's investigative resources on the issues raised by the petition does not appear to be warranted. The agency accordingly has denied the petition. The petition is hereinafter identified as DP02-002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jonathan White, Chief, Defect and Recall Information Analysis Division, Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-5226.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By letter dated January 23, 2001, Mr. William H. Muzzy III, submitted a petition requesting that the agency investigate the rear seat belt routing in model year (MY) 1990 through 1995 Toyota 4Runner vehicles (subject vehicles). The petitioner alleges that when the second row (rear) seat is folded down and then placed in its upright position, the outboard seat belt webbings can become caught behind the folding seat back latches. When this occurs, the seat belt routing is no longer proper, and occupant(s) using the seat belts in this condition would not be properly restrained. The petitioner alleges this seat belt misrouting condition has resulted in a serious injury and a fatality for the rear seat occupants of a subject vehicle that was in an accident. Finally, the petitioner alleges that the warning labels near the rear seat and the warning in the owner's manual for misrouting of rear seat belts are inadequate.

In response to ODI's information request letter, Toyota Motor North America, Inc. (Toyota), indicated that it has received one complaint of a damaged rear outboard seat belt because of possible contact with the rear seat back striker. Also, there has been one lawsuit filed against Toyota involving the aforementioned accident. ODI has not received any other reports of similar seat belt misrouting on the subject vehicles.

Considering the fact that over 367,000 subject vehicles were produced and the average vehicle age is about 10 years, the probability for the aforementioned rear seat outboard seat belt misrouting condition to occur, go unnoticed, and subsequently result in an injury and/or a fatality is extremely low. Further, warning notices to prevent seat belt misrouting are near the rear seat and in the owner's manual.

In view of the foregoing, it is unlikely that NHTSA would issue an order for the notification and remedy of the alleged defect as defined by the petitioner at the conclusion of the investigation requested in the petition. Therefore, in view of the need to allocate and prioritize NHTSA's limited

resources to best accomplish the agency's safety mission, the petition is denied.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 30162(d); delegations of authority at CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

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**Kenneth N. Weinstein,**

*Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the Customs Service

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the date, time, and location for the quarterly meeting of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service (COAC), and the provisional meeting agenda.

**DATES:** The next meeting of the COAC will be held on Friday, September 20, 2002, starting at 9 a.m., in Seattle, Washington. The meeting will be held at Microsoft Conference Center—Building 33, (Conference Center), 16070 NE 36th Way, Redmond, WA 98052, for approximately four hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gordana S. Earp, Director, Tariff and Trade Affairs (Enforcement), Office of the Under Secretary (Enforcement), Telephone: (202) 622-0336.

At the meeting, the Advisory Committee is expected to pursue the following draft agenda. The agenda may be modified prior to the meeting.

#### Agenda

- I. Security
  - A. Update on Customs Reorganization; Cargo Security Fees;
  - B. Update on Supply Chain Security and Customs—Trade Partnership Against Terrorism ("C-TPAT");
- II. Other Issues
  - A. Report of the Customs Office of Rulings and Regulations;
  - B. Customs Business Regulations;
  - C. Focused Assessment and Importer Self-Assessment Programs;
- III. Administrative Issues
  - A. 2002 Annual Report
  - B. Update on COAC Re-chartering

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The COAC was created by Congress in Public Law 100-203, Title IX, Section 9503(c), December 22, 1987, 100 Stat. 1330-381 (19 U.S.C. 2071 note). The Committee advises the Secretary of the Treasury

and reports to Congress any recommendations on matters involving the commercial operations of the United States Customs Service. By statute, the Secretary of the Treasury appoints the members of this Committee, and the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement presides over the meetings.

The September 20, 2002 meeting of the Committee is open to the public; however, participation in the Committee's deliberations is limited to Committee members, Customs and Treasury Department staff, and persons invited to address the meeting for special presentations. A person other than an Advisory Committee member who wishes to attend the meeting should contact Theresa Manning at (202) 622-0220 or Helen Belt at (202) 622-0230.

Dated: August 15, 2002.

**Gordana Earp,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Regulatory, Tariff, and Trade (Enforcement).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine the insured's eligibility for disability insurance benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 22, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits