

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.

Issued on: August 16, 2002.

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

[OMB Control No. 2900-0016]

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

Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0016" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Claim for Disability Insurance Benefits, Government Life Insurance, VA Form 29-357.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0016.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 29-357 is used by the policyholder to claim disability insurance on National Service Life Insurance and the United States Government Life Insurance policies. The information collected is used to determine the insured person's eligibility for disability insurance benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 14,175 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,100.

Dated: August 12, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Acting Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0004]

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 spouse's and/or children's eligibility for survivors 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 Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0004" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the

information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Death Pension and Accrued Benefits by a Surviving Spouse or Child (Including Death Compensation if Applicable), VA Form 21-534.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0004.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21-534 is used to gather the necessary information to determine the spouse's and/or children's eligibility, dependency and income, as applicable, for death benefit sought.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 79,125 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 63,300.

Dated: August 12, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Acting Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0104]

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 on the