

0960-0073. SSA uses the information collected on Form SSA-1425 to determine continuing entitlement to Title II Social Security benefits and to determine the proper benefit amount. The respondents are Social Security beneficiaries receiving SSA retirement, disability or survivor's auxiliary benefits who need to report an event that could affect payments.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.  
*Number of Respondents:* 70,000.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.  
*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 5,833 hours.

8. Disability Hearing Officer's Decision—20 CFR 404.917 and 416.1417—0960-0441. The Social Security Act requires that SSA provide an evidentiary hearing at the reconsideration level of appeal for claimants who have received an initial or revised determination that a disability did not exist or has ceased. Based on the hearing, the disability hearing officer (DHO) completes form SSA-1207 and all applicable supplementary forms (which vary depending on the type of claim). The DHO uses the information in documenting and preparing the disability decision. The form will aid the DHO in addressing the crucial elements of the case in a sequential and logical fashion. The respondents are DHOs in the State Disability Determination Services (DDS).

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.  
*Number of Respondents:* 65,000.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.  
*Average Burden Per Response:* 45 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 48,750 hours.

The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Your comments on the information collections would be most useful if received by OMB and SSA within 30 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454, or by writing to the address listed above.

1. Non-Attorney Representative Demonstration Project Application—0960-0669. Section 303 of the Social Security Protection Act of 2004 (SSPA) provides for a 5-year demonstration project to be conducted by SSA under which the direct payment of SSA-approved fees is extended to certain non-attorney claimant representatives. Under the SSPA, to be eligible for direct

payment of fees, a non-attorney representative must fulfill the following statutory requirements: (1) Possess a bachelors degree or have equivalent qualifications derived from training and work experience; (2) pass an examination that tests knowledge of the relevant provisions of the Social Security Act; (3) secure professional liability insurance or equivalent insurance; (4) pass a criminal background check (information on these 4 requirements will be collected during initial reporting); (5) demonstrate completion of relevant continuing education courses (this information will be collected under the Continuing Education (CE) reporting), and (6) complete an annual Affirmations Worksheet to verify the participant's continued eligibility to participate in the demonstration project. SSA collects this information through the services of a private contractor and uses it to determine if a non-attorney representative has met and continues to meet the statutory requirements to be eligible for direct payment of fees for his or her claimant representation services. The respondents are non-attorney representatives who apply for direct payment of fees.

*Type of Request:* Revision of an existing information collection.  
*Application Reporting*  
*Number of Respondents:* 500.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.  
*Average Burden per Response:* 60 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 500 hours.  
*CE Reporting*  
*Number of Respondents:* 300.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.  
*Average Burden per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 150 hours.  
*Annual Reaffirmations Worksheet*  
*Number of Respondents:* 450.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.  
*Average Burden per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 75 hours.  
Total burden hours for all collection activities—725 hours.

Dated: December 27, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR),

notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of Federal railroad safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

#### **Bellefonte Historical Railroad Society**

[Docket Number FRA-2006-26460]

The Bellefonte Historical Railroad Society (BHRS) seeks a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Safety Glazing Standards, 49 CFR 223.15, requirements for two passenger cars. These two cars were built by the Budd Company. One car was built in 1953 and the other was built in 1963. The BHRS is located in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. The BHRS states they operate a tourist railroad.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA in writing before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning this petition should identify the appropriate docket number (FRA-2006-26460) and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://dms.dot.gov>.
- Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic site;
- Fax: 202-493-2251;
  - Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001; or
  - Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- Communication received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA prior to final action being taken. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the

docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78). The Statement may also be found at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of Federal railroad safety regulations. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

#### The Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, Inc.

[Docket Number FRA-2006-26300]

The Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, Inc. (MCRY), seeks a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Safety Glazing Standards of 49 CFR 223.9, and Railroad Safety Appliance Standards of 49 CFR Part 231, for one locomotive: MCRY 1256. The MCRY is located in Sauk County, Wisconsin. This is a rural area in which locomotives travel at a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour through an all-rural countryside.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA in writing before the

end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning this petition should identify the appropriate docket number (FRA-2006-26300) and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic site;

- Fax: 202-493-2251;
- Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001; or

- Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Communication received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA prior to final action being taken. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78). The Statement may also be found at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Petition for Exemption From the Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; BMW

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

**ACTION:** Grant of petition for exemption.

**SUMMARY:** This document grants in full the BMW of North America, LLC (BMW) petition for exemption of the X3 vehicle line in accordance with 49 CFR part 543, *Exemption from the Theft Prevention Standard*. This petition is granted because the agency has determined that the antitheft device to be placed on the line as standard equipment is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR part 541).

**DATES:** The exemption granted by this notice is effective beginning with the 2007 model year (MY).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Deborah Mazyck, Office of International Vehicle, Fuel Economy and Consumer Standards, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Mazyck's telephone number is (202) 366-0846. Her fax number is (202) 493-2290.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a petition dated July 18, 2006, BMW requested exemption from the parts-making requirements of the theft prevention standard (49 CFR part 541) for the MY 2007 BMW X3 vehicle line. The petition requested exemption from parts-marking pursuant to 49 CFR part 543, *Exemption From Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard*, based on the installation of an antitheft device as standard equipment for an entire vehicle line. BMW's submission is considered a complete petition as required by 49 CFR 543.7, in that it meets the general requirements contained in 543.5 and the specific content requirements of 543.6.

Under § 543.5(a), a manufacturer may petition NHTSA to grant exemptions for one line of its vehicle lines per year. In its petition, BMW provided a detailed description and diagram of the identity, design, and location of the components of the antitheft device for the X3 Vehicle line. BMW will install its antitheft device, the Electronically-coded Vehicle Immobilizer (EWS), as standard equipment on the BMW X3 vehicle line beginning with MY 2007. Features of the antitheft device will include a key with a transponder, loop antenna (coil) around the steering lock cylinder, EWS control unit and passive immobilizer.

BMW stated that the EWS immobilizer device prevents the vehicle from being driven away under its own engine power. The EWS control unit provides the interface to the loop antenna (coil), engine control unit and starter. It queries key data from the