less, and to light duty trucks with major parts that are interchangeable with a majority of the covered major parts of multipurpose passenger vehicles.

Consistent with this DOJ consultation, the April 6, 2004 final rule amended the general requirements of Section 543.5 of Chapter 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, allowing a manufacturer to petition NHTSA to grant an exemption for one additional line of its passenger motor vehicles from the requirements of the theft prevention standard for each model year after MY 1996. The final rule became effective September 1, 2006.

Prior to September 1, 2006, manufacturers were only allowed to petition NHTSA for high-theft vehicles lines. In its April 6, 2004 final rule, the agency amended part 543 to allow vehicle manufacturers to file petitions to exempt all vehicle lines that would become subject to parts-marking requirements beginning with the effective date of the final rule. As a result of this amendment, vehicle manufacturers are allowed to file petitions to exempt all vehicle lines that would become subject to the parts-marking requirements regardless of their theft status (high or low). While there are approximately 27 vehicle manufacturers, since the effective date of the rule, 23 petitions for exemption from the parts-marking requirements have been received by the agency for MYs 2011–2013, averaging approximately 8 responses per year. We anticipate this to remain the average number of yearly responses received by the agency.

NHTSA estimates that the average hours per submittal will be 226, for a total annual burden of 1,808. NHTSA estimates that the cost associated with the burden hours is $36.62 per hour, for a total cost of approximately $66,209.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.
Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2127–0039.

Affected Public: Businesses or others for profit.

Abstract: Sections 30118(e) and 30120(o) of Title 49 of the United States Code specify that any interested person may petition NHTSA to hold a hearing to determine whether a manufacturer of motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment has met its obligation to notify owners, purchasers, and dealers of vehicles or equipment of a safety-related defect or noncompliance with a Federal motor vehicle safety standard in the manufacturer’s products and to remedy that defect or noncompliance.

To implement these statutory provisions, NHTSA promulgated 49 CFR part 557, Petitions for Hearings on Notification and Remedy of Defects. Part 577 establishes procedures providing for the submission and disposition of petitions for hearings on the issues of whether the manufacturer has met its obligation to notify owners, purchasers, and dealers of safety-related defects or noncompliance, or to remedy such defect or noncompliance free of charge.

Estimated annual burden: During NHTSA’s last renewal of this information collection, the agency estimated it would receive one petition a year, with an estimated one hour of preparation for each petition, for a total of one burden hour per year. That estimate remains unchanged with this notice.

Number of respondents: 1.

Issued on: January 31, 2011.

Frank Borris,
Director, Office of Defects Investigation.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2011–0009]

Insurance Cost Information Regulation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces publication by NHTSA of the 2011 text and data for the annual insurance cost information booklet that all car dealers must make available to prospective purchasers for each model year, as specified in 49 CFR 582.4. This information is intended to assist prospective purchasers in comparing differences in passenger vehicle collision loss experience that could affect auto insurance costs.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may obtain a copy of this booklet or read background documents by going to http://regulations.gov at any time or to Room W12–140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 201(e) of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act, 5 U.S.C. 1941(e), on March 5, 1993, 58 FR 12545, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) amended 49 CFR part 582, Insurance Cost Information Regulation, to require all dealers of automobiles to distribute to prospective customers information that compares differences in insurance costs of different makes and models of passenger cars based on differences in damage susceptibility.

Pursuant to 49 CFR 582.4, all automobile dealers are required to make available to prospective purchasers booklets that include this comparative information as well as certain mandatory explanatory text that is set out in section 582.5. Early each year, NHTSA produces a new version of this booklet to update the Highway Loss Data Institute’s (HLDI) December Insurance Collision Report.

NHTSA is mailing a copy of the 2011 booklet to each dealer that the Department of Energy uses to distribute the “Gas Mileage Guide.” Dealers will have the responsibility of reproducing a sufficient number of copies of the booklet to assure that they are available for retention by prospective purchasers by March 7, 2011. Dealers who do not receive a copy of the booklet within 15 days of the date of this notice should contact Ms. Ballard of NHTSA’s Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy, and Consumer Programs (202) 366–0846 to receive a copy of the booklet and be added to the mailing list. Dealers may also obtain a copy of the booklet through the NHTSA Web page at: http://www.safercar.gov. From there, click on the Vehicle Safety tab, then choose the Vehicle-Related Theft category, on that page, under the Additional Resources Panel, click on 2011 Comparison of Insurance Costs. (49 U.S.C. 32302; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50(e).)

Issued on: January 31, 2011.

Joseph S. Carra,
Acting, Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket: PHMSA–2010–0354]

Pipeline Safety: Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collections

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this ICR was published in the Federal Register on November 29, 2010 (75 FR 73160) under Docket No. PHMSA–2010–0354. No comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow the public an additional 30 days to submit comments to OMB on the information collection described below.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Desk Officer for DOT/PHMSA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 7, 2011.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: