

device, VW stated that it certifies that its anti-theft device for the Audi A4 allroad has been tested for compliance to the corporate requirements for electrical and electronic assemblies in motor vehicles related to performance. VW provided a detailed list of the tests conducted (*i.e.*, electrical system temperature stability, mechanical integrity, electrical performance, EMC, environmental compatibility and service life) and believes that the device is reliable and durable since the device complied with its specific requirements for each test. Furthermore, VW stated that after the electronic module is recognized by the key transponder, a pairing between the key and the immobilizer occurs at which point the key can no longer be used for any other immobilizer.

VW stated that the Audi A4 allroad will be a new, small multipurpose passenger vehicle (MPV) line based on the Audi A4 sedan. The Audi A4 allroad has no theft rate history or data available. However, VW provided data on the theft reduction benefits experienced by other vehicle lines installed with immobilizer devices that have already been granted petitions for exemptions by the agency.

VW compared the device proposed for its vehicle line with other devices which NHTSA has determined to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as would compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard. VW stated that except for the 2004 MY, the Audi allroad MPV had a lower theft rate than its passenger car counterpart, Audi A6. Specifically, the agency's data show that theft rates for the Audi A6 for MYs 2006–2008 are 1.8143, 1.5437 and 1.4414 respectively. Using an average of 3 MYs' data (2006–2008), the theft rate for the Audi A6 is well below the median at 1.5998. VW also stated that the theft rates for the Audi A4 have been near the median and based on comparison, the Audi A4 allroad is expected to have a lower theft rate. Specifically, the agency's data show that theft rates for the Audi A4 for MYs' 2006–2008 are 1.0203, 1.2892 and 1.1463 respectively. Using an average of 3 MYs' data (2006–2008), the theft rate for the Audi A4 vehicle line is well below the median at 1.1520. VW also provided data from NICB in support of the effectiveness of immobilizer-installed vehicles to reduce thefts. VW stated that according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) theft statistics, MY 1997 Ford Mustangs installed with a standard immobilizer showed a 70% reduction in theft rate

when compared to MY 1995 Ford Mustangs without an immobilizer.

Based on the evidence submitted by VW, the agency believes that the anti-theft device for the Audi A4 allroad vehicle line 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).

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 33106 and 49 CFR 543.7(b), the agency grants a petition for exemption from the parts-marking requirements of part 541 either in whole or in part, if it determines that, based upon substantial evidence, the standard equipment anti-theft device is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts marking requirements of part 541. The agency finds that VW has provided adequate reasons for its belief that the anti-theft device for the VW Audi A4 allroad vehicle line 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). This conclusion is based on the information VW provided about its device.

The agency concludes that the device will provide the five types of performance listed in § 543.6(a)(3): promoting activation; attracting attention to the efforts of an unauthorized person to enter or move a vehicle by means other than a key; preventing defeat or circumvention of the device by unauthorized persons; preventing operation of the vehicle by unauthorized entrants; and ensuring the reliability and durability of the device.

For the foregoing reasons, the agency hereby grants in full VW's petition for exemption from the VW Audi A4 allroad vehicle line from the parts-marking requirements of 49 CFR Part 541. The agency notes that 49 CFR Part 541, Appendix A–1, identifies those lines that are exempted from the Theft Prevention Standard for a given model year. 49 CFR part 543.7(f) contains publication requirements incident to the disposition of all Part 543 petitions. Advanced listing, including the release of future product nameplates, the beginning model year for which the petition is granted and a general description of the anti-theft device is necessary in order to notify law enforcement agencies of new vehicle lines exempted from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard.

If VW decides not to use the exemption for this line, it must formally notify the agency. If such a decision is

made, the line must be fully marked according to the requirements under 49 CFR 541.5 and 541.6 (marking of major component parts and replacement parts).

NHTSA notes that if VW wishes in the future to modify the device on which this exemption is based, the company may have to submit a petition to modify the exemption. Part 543.7(d) states that a Part 543 exemption applies only to vehicles that belong to a line exempted under this part and equipped with the anti-theft device on which the line's exemption is based. Further, Part 543.9(c)(2) provides for the submission of petitions "to modify an exemption to permit the use of an anti-theft device similar to but differing from the one specified in that exemption."

The agency wishes to minimize the administrative burden that Part 543.9(c)(2) could place on exempted vehicle manufacturers and itself. The agency did not intend in drafting Part 543 to require the submission of a modification petition for every change to the components or design of an anti-theft device. The significance of many such changes could be *de minimis*. Therefore, NHTSA suggests that if the manufacturer contemplates making any changes, the effects of which might be characterized as *de minimis*, it should consult the agency before preparing and submitting a petition to modify.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 33106; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

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**Christopher J. Bonanti,**

*Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Open Meeting of the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness (PCJC)

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness will meet on October 11, 2011, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at 12 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the public via live Webcast at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/live>.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 11, 2011 at 12 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The PCJC will convene its meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The public is invited to submit written

statements to the PCJC by any of the following methods:

*Electronic Statements:*

- Send written statements to the PCJC's electronic mailbox at [PCJC@treasury.gov](mailto:PCJC@treasury.gov); or

*Paper Statements:*

- Send paper statements in triplicate to John Oxtoby, Designated Federal Officer, President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness, Office of the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Room 1325A, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

In general, all statements will be posted on the White House Web site (<http://www.whitehouse.gov>) without change, including any business or personal information provided such as names, addresses, e-mail addresses, or telephone numbers. The Department will also make such statements available for public inspection and copying in the Department's Library, Room 1428, Main Department Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time. You can make an appointment to inspect statements by telephoning (202) 622-0990. All statements received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make publicly available.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Oxtoby, Designated Federal Officer, President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness, Office of the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury, Main Department Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220, at (202) 622-2000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with Section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. II, 10(a), and the regulations thereunder, John Oxtoby, Designated Federal Officer of the PCJC, has ordered publication of this notice that the PCJC will convene its next meeting on October 4, 2011, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania beginning at 12 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be broadcast on the internet via live

Webcast at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/live>. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss initiatives and policies to strengthen the economy, promote and accelerate job growth and bolster America's competitiveness around the world. The President will continue the discussion focused on identifying practical ways the government and business can work together to foster growth and create jobs. Due to the significant logistical difficulties of convening the members of the PCJC, the meeting has been scheduled with less than 15 days notice (see 41 CFR 102-3.150(b)).

Dated: September 26, 2011.

**Al Fitzpayne,**

*Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of the Treasury.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Bureau of the Public Debt**

**Proposed Collection: Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Regulations governing U.S. Treasury Securities—State and Local Government Series.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 7, 2011, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Bruce A. Sharp, 200 Third Street A4-A, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, or [bruce.sharp@bpd.treas.gov](mailto:bruce.sharp@bpd.treas.gov). The opportunity to make comments online is also available at <http://www.pracomment.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies should be directed to Bruce A. Sharp, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street A4-A, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, (304) 480-8150.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Regulations Governing United States Treasury Certificates Of Indebtedness—State and Local Government Series, United States Treasury Notes—State and Local Government Series, and United States Treasury Bonds—State and Local Government Series.

*OMB Number:* 1535-0091.

*Abstract:* The information is requested to establish consideration for a waiver of regulations.

*Current Actions:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* State or local governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 13 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 433.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: September 28, 2011.

**Bruce A. Sharp,**

*Bureau Clearance Officer.*

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