

motor vehicle theft than the parts-marking requirements, Ford stated that it installed the SecuriLock/PATS immobilizer device as standard equipment on all of its MY 1996 Ford Mustang GT and Cobra vehicle lines, as well as other selected models including the Ford Mustang vehicle line. Ford also referenced the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) theft statistics which showed that there was a 70% reduction in the theft rate for the MY 1997 Ford Mustang vehicle line installed with the SecuriLock/PATS immobilizer device as compared to the theft rate for its MY 1995 Ford Mustang vehicle line not installed with the anti-theft immobilizer device.

Ford also reported that beginning with MY 2008, the SecuriLock/PATS immobilizer device was installed as standard equipment on all of its North American Ford, Lincoln and Mercury vehicles except for the F-series Super Duty, Econoline and Crown Victoria Police Interceptor vehicles. Ford further stated that the SecuriLock/PATS system with its standard equipment immobilizer device is similar in design and implementation to the anti-theft device offered on the Ford Fusion vehicle line starting with the 2012 model year. Ford was granted an exemption for the Fusion vehicle line on January 11, 2011 by NHTSA (See 71 FR 7824) beginning with its MY 2006 vehicles. The theft rate for the MY 2012 Ford Fusion using an average of three MYs' data (2011–2013) is 1.2712. Ford also referenced theft rate data published by NHTSA showing that theft rates for the Ford Escape vehicle line have been gradually decreasing and stated that it is currently very close to the theft rate for all vehicles published for MY's 2008–2013. Ford stated that since its SecuriLock/PATS or IAWPB immobilization device will be the primary theft deterrents on Ford EcoSport vehicles, it believes that the very low theft rates are likely to continue or improve in the future. The theft rate for the MY 2013 Ford Escape using an average of three MYs' data (2011–2013) is 0.7764. There is no current theft rate data available for Ford's new EcoSport vehicle line.

The agency agrees that Ford's anti-theft device is substantially similar to anti-theft devices installed on other vehicle lines for which the agency has already granted exemptions.

Based on the supporting evidence submitted by Ford about its anti-theft device, the agency believes that the anti-theft device for the EcoSport 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). The agency concludes that the anti-theft device will provide four of the five types of performance listed in § 543.6(a)(3): Promoting activation; 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.

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 Ford has provided adequate reasons for its belief that the anti-theft device for the Ford EcoSport 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 Ford provided about its anti-theft device.

For the foregoing reasons, the agency hereby grants in full Ford's petition for exemption for the EcoSport 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 Ford 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 parts 541.5 and 541.6 (marking of major component parts and replacement parts).

NHTSA notes that if Ford wishes in the future to modify the immobilizer 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Petition for Exemption From the Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Jaguar Land Rover North America LLC

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

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

**SUMMARY:** This document grants in full the Jaguar Land Rover North America LLC's, (Jaguar Land Rover) petition for an exemption of the F-Pace 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 anti-theft 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 model year (MY) 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Hisham Mohamed, Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy and

Consumer Programs, NHTSA, W43-437, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Mohamed's phone number is (202) 366-0307. His fax number is (202) 493-2990.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a petition dated December 15, 2016, Jaguar Land Rover requested an exemption from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR part 541) for the MY 2018 Jaguar F-Pace vehicle line. The petition requested an 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.

Under § 543.5(a), a manufacturer may petition NHTSA to grant an exemption for one vehicle line per model year. In its petition, Jaguar Land Rover provided a detailed description and diagram of the identity, design, and location of the components of the antitheft device for the F-Pace vehicle line. Jaguar Land Rover stated that its F-Pace vehicles will be equipped with a passive, transponder-based, electronic engine immobilizer device as standard equipment beginning with the 2018 model year. Key components of its antitheft device will include a power train control module (PCM), instrument cluster, body control module (BCM), remote frequency receiver (RFR), Immobilizer Antenna Unit (IAU), Remote Frequency Actuator (RFA), Perimeter Alarm System, Smart Key and door control units (DCU/s). Jaguar Land Rover stated that its antitheft device will also include an audible and visual perimeter alarm system as standard equipment. Jaguar Land Rover stated that the perimeter alarm can be armed with the Smart Key or programmed to be passively armed. The siren will sound and the vehicle's exterior lights will flash if unauthorized entry is attempted by opening the hood, doors or luggage compartment. Jaguar Land Rover'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.

The immobilizer device is automatically armed when the Smart Key is removed from the vehicle. Jaguar Land Rover stated that the Smart key is programmed and synchronized to the vehicle through the means of an identification key code and a randomly generated secret code that are unique to each vehicle.

Jaguar Land Rover stated that there are three methods of antitheft device operation. Method one consists of automatic detection of the Smart Key via a remote frequency challenge response sequence. Specifically, when the driver approaches the vehicle and pulls the driver's door handle following authentication of the correct Smart Key, the doors will unlock. When the ignition start button is pressed, a search to find and authenticate the Smart Key commences within the vehicle interior. If successful, this information is passed by coded data transfer to the BCM via the Remote Function Actuator. The BCM in turn, will pass the "valid key" status to the instrument cluster, via a coded data transfer. The BCM will then send the key valid message code to the PCM initiating a coded data transfer and authorize the engine to start. Method two consists of unlocking the vehicle with the Smart Key unlock button. As the driver approaches the vehicle, the Smart Key unlock button is pressed and the doors will unlock. Once the driver presses the ignition start button, the operation process is the same as method one. Method three involves using the emergency key blade. If the Smart Key has a discharged battery or is damaged, there is an emergency key blade that can be removed from the Smart Key and used to unlock the doors. On pressing the ignition start button, a search is commenced in order to find and authenticate the Smart Key within the vehicle interior. If successful, the Smart Key needs to be docked. Once the Smart Key is placed in the correct position, and the ignition start button is pressed again, the BCM and Smart key enter a coded data exchange via the Immobilizer Antenna Unit. The BCM in turn, passes the valid key status to the instrument cluster, via the Immobilizer Antenna Unit. The BCM then sends the key valid message to the PCM which initiates a coded data transfer. If successful, the engine is authorized to start.

In addressing the specific content requirements of 543.6, Jaguar Land Rover provided information on the reliability and durability of its proposed device. To ensure reliability and durability of the device, Jaguar Land Rover conducted tests based on its own specified standards. Jaguar Land Rover provided a detailed list of the tests conducted (*i.e.*, temperature and humidity cycling, high and low temperature cycling, mechanical shock, random vibration, thermal stress/shock tests, material resistance tests, dry heat, dust and fluid ingress tests). Jaguar Land Rover stated that it believes that its

device is reliable and durable because it complied with specified requirements for each test. Additionally, Jaguar Land Rover stated that the key recognition sequence includes in excess of a billion code combinations which include encrypted data that are secure against copying. Jaguar Land Rover also stated that the coded data transfer between the BCM and the PCM modules use a unique secure identifier, a random number and a secure public algorithm. Furthermore, Jaguar Land Rover stated that since the F-Pace vehicle line will utilize push button vehicle ignition, it does not have a conventional mechanical key barrel. Therefore, there will be no means of forcibly bypassing the key-locking system.

Jaguar Land Rover also stated that no theft data is available for the F-Pace because it is a new vehicle line. Jaguar Land Rover further stated that its immobilizer is substantially similar to the antitheft device installed on the Jaguar XK, Jaguar F-Type, Jaguar XJ, Land Rover Discovery Sport and Land Rover Range Rover Evoque. Jaguar Land Rover stated that based on MY 2014 theft information published by NHTSA, the Jaguar Land Rover vehicles equipped with immobilizers had a combined theft rate of 0.31 per thousand vehicles, which is below NHTSA's overall theft rate of 1.15 thefts per thousand. The agency notes the average theft rate for the XK, XJ and Land Rover LR2 vehicle lines using an average of three model years' data (2012—preliminary 2014) are 0.5039, 0.6811 and 0.1141, respectively and the theft rate for the Jaguar F-type is 0.7416 (preliminary 2014). Jaguar Land Rover believes these low theft rates demonstrate the effectiveness of the immobilizer device.

Based on the supporting evidence submitted by Jaguar Land Rover on the device, the agency believes that the antitheft device for the F-Pace 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 541). The agency concludes that the device will provide the five types of performance listed in § 543.6(a)(3): Promoting activation; attract 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.

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 Jaguar Land Rover has provided adequate reasons for its belief that the anti-theft device for the Jaguar Land Rover F-Pace 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 Jaguar Land Rover provided about its device.

For the foregoing reasons, the agency hereby grants in full Jaguar Land Rover's petition for exemption for the F-Pace 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 Jaguar Land Rover 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 parts 541.5 and 541.6 (marking of major component parts and replacement parts).

NHTSA notes that if Jaguar Land Rover 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."

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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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of the Fiscal Service

#### **Proposed Collection of Information: Generic Clearance for the Collection or Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery**

**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. Currently the Bureau of the Fiscal Service within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Generic Clearance for the Collection or Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before July 10, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments and requests for additional information to Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Bruce A. Sharp, 200 Third Street A4-A, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, or [bruce.sharp@fiscal.treasury.gov](mailto:bruce.sharp@fiscal.treasury.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Generic Clearance for the Collection or Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

*OMB Number:* 1530-0023.

*Transfer of OMB Control Number:* The Bureau of Public Debt (BPD) and the Financial Management Service (FMS) have consolidated to become the Bureau of the Fiscal Service (Fiscal Service).

Information collection requests previously held separately by BPD and FMS will now be identified by a 1530 prefix, designating Fiscal Service.

*Abstract:* The Bureau of the Fiscal Service conducts various surveys, focus groups, and interviews to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of existing products and services; to obtain knowledge about the potential public audiences attracted to new products being introduced; and to measure awareness and appeal of efforts to reach audiences and customers.

*Current Actions:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 60 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 10,000.

*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: May 5, 2017.

**Bruce A. Sharp,**

*Bureau Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.**

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.