

## 2. Congressional Review Act

11. The Commission will not submit this Report and Order pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A) because the Commission has not yet defined the specific requirements associated with the standard adopted in this Report and Order. The Commission anticipates that when it does adopt the specific requirements applying the standard in this Report and Order, it will make all submissions required by the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

## IV. Ordering Clause

12. Accordingly, *it is ordered* that, pursuant to sections 1, 4(i), 5(c), 201(b), 214, and 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 155(c), 201(b), 214, 254, 1302, sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 0.91, 0.291, and the delegations of authority in paragraph 113 of the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*, FCC 11-161, this Report and Order *is adopted*, effective thirty (30) days after publication of the text or summary thereof in the **Federal Register**.

Federal Communications Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### 49 CFR Part 541

[Docket No. NHTSA-2014-0082]

#### Final Theft Data; Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard

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

**ACTION:** Publication of 2012 final theft data.

**SUMMARY:** This document publishes the final data on thefts of model year (MY) 2012 passenger motor vehicles that occurred in calendar year (CY) 2012. The final 2012 theft data indicated an increase in the vehicle theft rate experienced in CY/MY 2012. The final theft rate for MY 2012 passenger vehicles stolen in calendar year 2012 is 1.1294 thefts per thousand vehicles, an increase of 14.21 percent from the rate of 0.9889 thefts per thousand in 2011. Publication of these data fulfills NHTSA's statutory obligation to periodically obtain accurate and timely theft data and publish the information for review and comment.

**DATES:** *Effective date:* November 25, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Deborah Mazyck, Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy and Consumer Programs, NHTSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Mazyck's telephone number is (202) 366-4139. Her fax number is (202) 493-2990.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NHTSA administers a program for reducing motor vehicle theft. The central feature of this program is the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard, 49 CFR Part 541. The standard specifies performance requirements for inscribing and affixing vehicle identification numbers (VINs) onto certain major original equipment and replacement parts of high-theft lines of passenger motor vehicles.

The agency is required by 49 U.S.C. 33104(b)(4) to periodically obtain, from the most reliable source, accurate and timely theft data and publish the data for review and comment. To fulfill this statutory mandate, NHTSA has published theft data annually beginning with MYs 1983/84. Continuing to fulfill the section 33104(b)(4) mandate, this document reports the final theft data for CY 2012, the most recent calendar year for which data are available.

In calculating the 2012 theft rates, NHTSA followed the same procedures it used in calculating the MY 2011 theft rates. (For 2011 theft data calculations, see 79 FR 7090.) As in all previous reports, NHTSA's data were based on

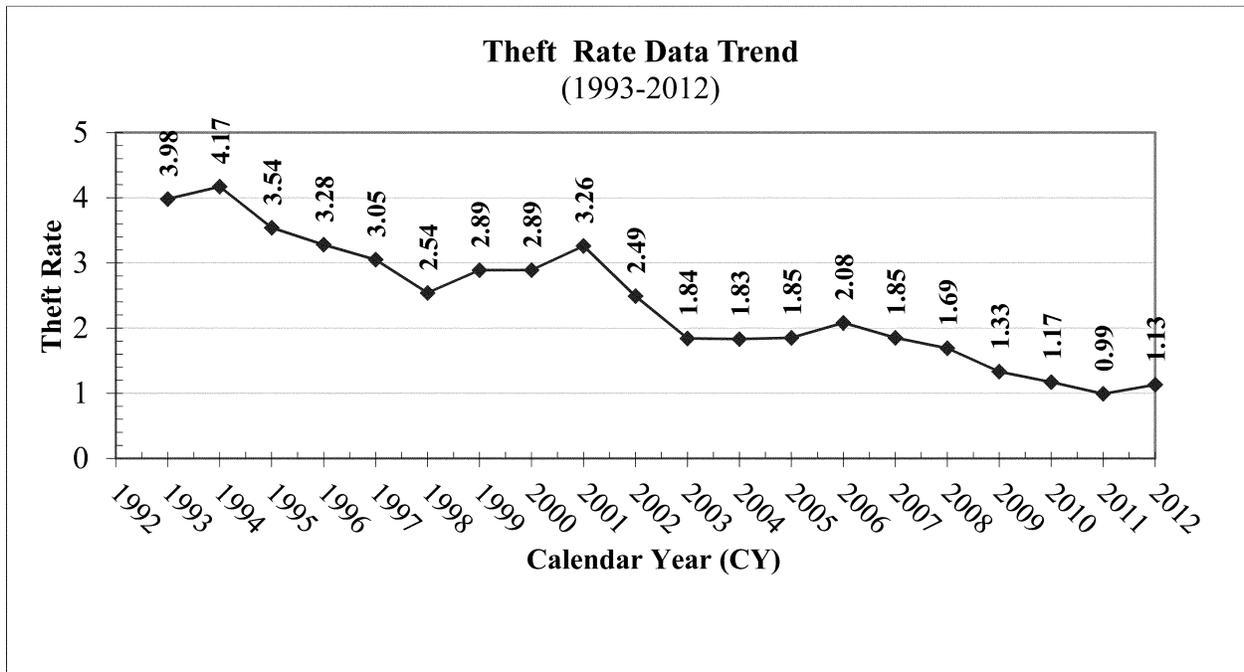
information provided to NHTSA by the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The NCIC is a government system that receives vehicle theft information from nearly 23,000 criminal justice agencies and other law enforcement authorities throughout the United States. The NCIC data also include reported thefts of self-insured and uninsured vehicles, not all of which are reported to other data sources.

The 2012 theft rate for each vehicle line was calculated by dividing the number of reported thefts of MY 2012 vehicles of that line stolen during calendar year 2012 by the total number of vehicles in that line manufactured for MY 2012, as reported to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The final 2012 theft data show a slight increase in the vehicle theft rate when compared to the theft rate experienced in CY/MY 2011. The final theft rate for MY 2012 passenger vehicles stolen in calendar year 2012 increased to 1.1294 thefts per thousand vehicles produced, an increase of 14.21 percent from the rate of 0.9889 thefts per thousand vehicles experienced by MY 2011 vehicles in CY 2011. A similar increasing trend in vehicle thefts was reported in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) 2012 Uniform Crime Report showing a 0.6% increase in motor vehicle thefts (automobiles, trucks, buses and other vehicles) from 2011 to 2012. Historically, the data has shown an overall decreasing trend in theft rates since CY 1993, with periods of increase from one year to the next. The agency welcomed public comment on the cause for the slight increase, but none were received.

For MY 2012 vehicles, out of a total of 211 vehicle lines, nine lines had a theft rate higher than 3.5826 per thousand vehicles, the established median theft rate for MYs 1990/1991. (See 59 FR 12400, March 16, 1994.) Of the nine vehicle lines with a theft rate higher than 3.5826, eight are passenger car lines, one is a multipurpose passenger vehicle line, and none are light-duty truck lines.

Figure 1: Theft Rate Data Trend (1993-2012)



Theft rate per thousand vehicles produced

On Tuesday, August 5, 2014, NHTSA published the preliminary theft rates for CY 2012 passenger motor vehicles in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 45412). The agency tentatively ranked each of the MY 2012 vehicle lines in descending order of theft rate. The public was requested to comment on the accuracy of the data and to provide final production figures for individual vehicle lines. The agency did not receive any comments from the public that would make adjustments to its data.

As a result, the final theft rates and rankings of vehicle lines did not change from those published in the August 2014 notice.

Subsequent to the August 5, 2014, publication of preliminary theft data, BYD Motors, Inc. (BYD) submitted its EPA production data for the e6 vehicle line. NHTSA has corrected the final theft data to include an entry for the BYD e6 vehicle line. As a result of this correction, the final theft list has been revised accordingly. The BYD e6,

previously omitted, is ranked No. 211 with a theft rate of 0.0000.

The following list represents NHTSA's final calculation of theft rates for all 2012 passenger motor vehicle lines. This list is intended to inform the public of calendar year 2012 motor vehicle thefts of model year 2012 vehicles and does not have any effect on the obligations of regulated parties under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 331, Theft Prevention.

FINAL REPORT OF THEFT RATES FOR MODEL YEAR 2012 PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES STOLEN IN CALENDAR YEAR 2012

Manufacturer	Make/model (line)	Thefts 2012	Production (Mfr's) 2012	2012 Theft rate (per 1,000 vehicles produced)
1	MERCEDES-BENZ ..... CL-CLASS .....	17	827	20.5562
2	MITSUBISHI ..... ECLIPSE .....	34	6,186	5.4963
3	MAZDA ..... 6 .....	202	40,004	5.0495
4	CHRYSLER ..... DODGE CHARGER .....	316	66,432	4.7567
5	NISSAN ..... INFINITI FX35/FX50 .....	35	8,902	3.9317
6	CHRYSLER ..... DODGE AVENGER .....	329	85,365	3.8540
7	CHRYSLER ..... 300 .....	232	60,287	3.8483
8	GENERAL MOTORS ..... CHEVROLET IMPALA .....	604	165,986	3.6389
9	MITSUBISHI ..... GALANT .....	67	18,600	3.6022
10	GENERAL MOTORS ..... CHEVROLET CAPTIVA .....	112	31,797	3.5223
11	BMW ..... 6 .....	19	5,609	3.3874
12	CHRYSLER ..... DODGE CHALLENGER .....	143	43,080	3.3194
13	GENERAL MOTORS ..... CHEVROLET CAMARO .....	249	80,707	3.0852
14	TOYOTA ..... YARIS .....	166	54,886	3.0245
15	NISSAN ..... PATHFINDER .....	47	15,765	2.9813
16	CHRYSLER ..... 200 .....	352	121,175	2.9049

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17	MERCEDES-BENZ ..... S-CLASS .....	29	11,443	2.5343
18	NISSAN ..... ALTIMA .....	760	313,956	2.4207
19	GENERAL MOTORS ..... CHEVROLET MALIBU .....	509	225,791	2.2543
20	FORD MOTOR CO ..... MUSTANG .....	178	80,487	2.2115
21	AUDI ..... AUDI A8 .....	10	4,538	2.2036
22	VOLVO ..... XC90 .....	3	1,377	2.1786
23	NISSAN ..... INFINITI M35H/M37/M56 .....	28	13,731	2.0392
24	BMW ..... B7 .....	1	492	2.0325
25	NISSAN ..... MAXIMA .....	129	65,150	1.9800
26	MAZDA ..... 2 .....	32	16,169	1.9791
27	PORSCHE ..... PANAMERA .....	13	7,056	1.8424
28	NISSAN ..... VERSA .....	272	149,418	1.8204
29	HONDA ..... ACURA ZDX .....	2	1,122	1.7825
30	FORD MOTOR CO ..... TAURUS .....	69	39,314	1.7551
31	MERCEDES-BENZ ..... GLK-CLASS .....	45	26,554	1.6947
32	BMW ..... 7 .....	23	13,696	1.6793
33	NISSAN ..... SENTRA .....	229	139,585	1.6406
34	GENERAL MOTORS ..... GMC CANYON PICKUP .....	22	13,690	1.6070
35	MASERATI ..... GRANTURISMO .....	3	1,953	1.5361
36	GENERAL MOTORS ..... CHEVROLET CORVETTE .....	17	11,144	1.5255
37	JAGUAR LAND ROVER ..... XK/XKR .....	2	1,323	1.5117
38	NISSAN ..... INFINITI G25/G37 .....	85	56,585	1.5022
39	KIA ..... FORTE .....	106	72,284	1.4664
40	VOLVO ..... C70 .....	7	4,787	1.4623
41	TOYOTA ..... COROLLA .....	304	197,973	1.4257
42	MAZDA ..... CX-7 .....	11	7,945	1.3845
43	CHRYSLER ..... DODGE CALIBER .....	15	10,953	1.3695
44	JAGUAR LAND ROVER ..... XJ .....	7	5,158	1.3571
45	KIA ..... RIO .....	34	25,441	1.3364
46	FORD MOTOR CO ..... FOCUS .....	413	318,556	1.2965
47	SUZUKI ..... SX4 .....	20	15,617	1.2807
48	AUDI ..... AUDI A7 .....	15	11,768	1.2746
49	KIA ..... OPTIMA .....	132	106,747	1.2366
50	AUDI ..... AUDI A3 .....	9	7,287	1.2351
51	BMW ..... 5 .....	53	43,103	1.2296
52	FORD MOTOR CO ..... FUSION .....	371	308,520	1.2025
53	CHRYSLER ..... JEEP LIBERTY .....	124	104,184	1.1902
54	SUZUKI ..... GRAND VITARA .....	8	6,923	1.1556
55	HYUNDAI ..... SONATA .....	264	230,381	1.1459
56	TOYOTA ..... SCION TC .....	24	21,188	1.1327
57	VOLKSWAGEN ..... PASSAT .....	107	95,583	1.1194
58	GENERAL MOTORS ..... CHEVROLET CRUZE .....	297	270,622	1.0975
59	MERCEDES-BENZ ..... C-CLASS .....	84	76,638	1.0961
60	HYUNDAI ..... ACCENT .....	80	73,458	1.0891
61	HYUNDAI ..... GENESIS .....	41	37,741	1.0864
62	VOLVO ..... S80 .....	4	3,748	1.0672
63	VOLVO ..... C30 .....	3	2,841	1.0560
64	TOYOTA ..... CAMRY .....	547	523,846	1.0442
65	GENERAL MOTORS ..... BUICK REGAL .....	26	26,003	0.9999
66	VOLKSWAGEN ..... JETTA .....	176	178,153	0.9879
67	TOYOTA ..... LEXUS LS .....	8	8,102	0.9874
68	FIAT ..... 500 .....	60	60,935	0.9847
69	HONDA ..... PILOT .....	42	42,657	0.9846
70	BENTLEY MOTORS ..... CONTINENTAL .....	2	2,060	0.9709
71	GENERAL MOTORS ..... CADILLAC CTS .....	51	52,531	0.9709
72	MAZDA ..... 5 .....	31	32,530	0.9530
73	NISSAN ..... QUEST VAN .....	20	21,388	0.9351
74	KIA ..... SOUL .....	94	100,672	0.9337
75	MAZDA ..... 3 .....	129	142,875	0.9029
76	VOLKSWAGEN ..... CC .....	26	29,350	0.8859
77	TOYOTA ..... AVALON .....	18	20,938	0.8597
78	HONDA ..... ACCORD .....	275	325,034	0.8461
79	FORD MOTOR CO ..... FIESTA .....	50	59,978	0.8336
80	FORD MOTOR CO ..... ESCAPE .....	199	238,713	0.8336
81	HYUNDAI ..... SANTA FE .....	49	59,411	0.8248
82	GENERAL MOTORS ..... CHEVROLET SONIC .....	69	83,979	0.8216
83	GENERAL MOTORS ..... BUICK LACROSSE .....	50	60,891	0.8211
84	CHRYSLER ..... DODGE JOURNEY .....	62	77,471	0.8003

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85	NISSAN	370Z	5	6,271	0.7973
86	JAGUAR LAND ROVER	XF	5	6,288	0.7952
87	KIA	SPORTAGE	33	41,590	0.7935
88	VOLKSWAGEN	GTI	14	18,586	0.7533
89	MERCEDES-BENZ	E-CLASS	38	50,591	0.7511
90	FORD MOTOR CO	LINCOLN MKZ	28	37,676	0.7432
91	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	125	169,256	0.7385
92	FORD MOTOR CO	EDGE	56	75,972	0.7371
93	TOYOTA	VENZA	17	23,128	0.7350
94	HONDA	CIVIC	333	455,627	0.7309
95	FORD MOTOR CO	LINCOLN MKS	5	6,890	0.7257
96	KIA	SEDONA VAN	24	33,319	0.7203
97	HONDA	CR-Z	4	5,609	0.7131
98	GENERAL MOTORS	CHEVROLET COLORADO PICKUP	36	50,765	0.7092
99	HONDA	CROSSTOUR	19	26,934	0.7054
100	MITSUBISHI	I-MIEV	1	1,435	0.6969
101	CHRYSLER	JEEP COMPASS	30	43,360	0.6919
102	AUDI	AUDI Q7	6	8,951	0.6703
103	BMW	3	29	43,714	0.6634
104	MITSUBISHI	OUTLANDER	14	21,288	0.6576
105	HONDA	ACURA TSX	24	36,921	0.6500
106	MITSUBISHI	LANCER	11	16,958	0.6487
107	HYUNDAI	VELOSTER	20	30,980	0.6456
108	VOLVO	S60	22	34,378	0.6399
109	PORSCHE	911	5	8,114	0.6162
110	MAZDA	CX-9	20	32,980	0.6064
111	TOYOTA	SCION XB	27	44,722	0.6037
112	SUBARU	LEGACY	23	39,094	0.5883
113	FORD MOTOR CO	LINCOLN MKX	10	17,121	0.5841
114	HONDA	ACURA RDX	5	8,786	0.5691
115	CHRYSLER	JEEP PATRIOT	34	59,849	0.5681
116	KIA	SORENTO	60	107,269	0.5593
117	JAGUAR LAND ROVER	LAND ROVER EVOQUE	5	9,075	0.5510
118	BMW	X3	8	14,543	0.5501
119	NISSAN	FRONTIER PICKUP	39	71,502	0.5454
120	VOLVO	XC70	3	5,507	0.5448
121	NISSAN	ROGUE	76	140,561	0.5407
122	TOYOTA	LEXUS IS	17	31,725	0.5359
123	VOLKSWAGEN	TIGUAN	16	29,862	0.5358
124	SUBARU	IMPREZA	35	67,058	0.5219
125	AUDI	AUDI S4/S5	4	7,710	0.5188
126	TOYOTA	HIGHLANDER	68	132,822	0.5120
127	TOYOTA	TACOMA PICKUP	65	127,812	0.5086
128	NISSAN	XTERRA	11	22,343	0.4923
129	TOYOTA	SIENNA VAN	55	112,906	0.4871
130	SUBARU	TRIBECA	1	2,085	0.4796
131	AUDI	AUDI A4/A5	18	37,744	0.4769
132	HONDA	ACURA MDX	24	50,568	0.4746
133	HYUNDAI	TUCSON	27	57,218	0.4719
134	MAZDA	MX-5 MIATA	3	6,501	0.4615
135	BMW	M3	1	2,170	0.4608
136	TOYOTA	LEXUS RX	30	65,554	0.4576
137	BMW	1	4	8,770	0.4561
138	CHRYSLER	JEEP WRANGLER	64	141,387	0.4527
139	HONDA	ACURA TL	24	53,260	0.4506
140	HONDA	INSIGHT	3	6,723	0.4462
141	FORD MOTOR CO	FLEX	9	20,181	0.4460
142	GENERAL MOTORS	GMC TERRAIN	44	100,103	0.4395
143	SUBARU	FORESTER	27	64,142	0.4209
144	TOYOTA	FJ CRUISER	6	14,852	0.4040
145	MERCEDES-BENZ	SLK-CLASS	2	4,953	0.4038
146	MERCEDES-BENZ	SMART FORTWO	2	5,035	0.3972
147	VOLKSWAGEN	GOLF	10	25,207	0.3967
148	NISSAN	MURANO	23	58,188	0.3953
149	GENERAL MOTORS	CHEVROLET EQUINOX	87	220,965	0.3937
150	VOLKSWAGEN	BEETLE	12	30,622	0.3919
151	TOYOTA	RAV4	62	170,414	0.3638
152	AUDI	AUDI Q5	12	33,880	0.3542

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153	HYUNDAI ..... EQUUS .....	1	2,848	0.3511
154	NISSAN ..... JUKE .....	13	37,933	0.3427
155	JAGUAR LAND ROVER ..... LAND ROVER LR2 .....	1	2,921	0.3423
156	BMW ..... MINI COOPER .....	24	70,328	0.3413
157	TOYOTA ..... LEXUS ES .....	11	32,739	0.3360
158	NISSAN ..... CUBE .....	2	6,021	0.3322
159	AUDI ..... AUDI A6 .....	6	18,374	0.3265
160	SUZUKI ..... KIZASHI .....	2	6,331	0.3159
161	VOLVO ..... XC60 .....	5	16,144	0.3097
162	TOYOTA ..... SCION IQ .....	3	9,744	0.3079
163	TOYOTA ..... PRIUS .....	67	220,571	0.3038
164	SUBARU ..... OUTBACK WAGON .....	29	97,633	0.2970
165	HONDA ..... CR-V .....	68	230,293	0.2953
166	TOYOTA ..... LEXUS CT .....	6	21,668	0.2769
167	NISSAN ..... INFINITI EX35 .....	1	3,734	0.2678
168	GENERAL MOTORS ..... CADILLAC SRX .....	18	67,705	0.2659
169	GENERAL MOTORS ..... BUICK VERANO .....	8	32,639	0.2451
170	HYUNDAI ..... VERACRUZ .....	2	8,560	0.2336
171	HONDA ..... FIT .....	11	50,757	0.2167
172	VOLKSWAGEN ..... EOS .....	2	11,140	0.1795
173	FORD MOTOR CO ..... TRANSIT CONNECT VAN .....	7	43,125	0.1623
174	HYUNDAI ..... AZERA .....	1	7,745	0.1291
175	GENERAL MOTORS ..... CHEVROLET VOLT .....	2	18,355	0.1090
176	ASTON MARTIN ..... DB9 .....	0	47	0.0000
177	ASTON MARTIN ..... DBS .....	0	106	0.0000
178	ASTON MARTIN ..... RAPIDE .....	0	210	0.0000
179	ASTON MARTIN ..... V12 VANTAGE .....	0	85	0.0000
180	ASTON MARTIN ..... V8 VANTAGE .....	0	306	0.0000
181	ASTON MARTIN ..... VIRAGE .....	0	302	0.0000
182	BMW ..... M6 .....	0	252	0.0000
183	BMW ..... Z4 .....	0	2,203	0.0000
184	ROLLS ROYCE ..... GHOST .....	0	764	0.0000
185	ROLLS ROYCE ..... PHANTOM .....	0	53	0.0000
186	FERRARI ..... 458 .....	0	685	0.0000
187	FERRARI ..... CALIFORNIA .....	0	566	0.0000
188	FERRARI ..... FF .....	0	259	0.0000
189	MASERATI ..... QUATTROPORTE .....	0	519	0.0000
190	CODA AUTOMOTIVE ..... CODA .....	0	115	0.0000
191	SAAB ..... 9-4X .....	0	26	0.0000
192	HONDA ..... ACURA RL .....	0	398	0.0000
193	LOTUS ..... EVORA .....	0	146	0.0000
194	MCLAREN ..... MP4-12C .....	0	697	0.0000
195	MERCEDES-BENZ ..... B-CLASS .....	0	25	0.0000
196	MERCEDES-BENZ ..... SL-CLASS .....	0	928	0.0000
197	MERCEDES-BENZ ..... SLS-CLASS .....	0	1,275	0.0000
198	NISSAN ..... GT-R .....	0	1,228	0.0000
199	NISSAN ..... LEAF .....	0	11,460	0.0000
200	PORSCHE ..... BOXSTER .....	0	754	0.0000
201	PORSCHE ..... CAYMAN .....	0	1,022	0.0000
202	SUZUKI ..... EQUATOR PICKUP .....	0	2,392	0.0000
203	TESLA ..... MODEL S .....	0	2,952	0.0000
204	TOYOTA ..... LEXUS HS .....	0	503	0.0000
205	AUDI ..... AUDI R8 .....	0	1,272	0.0000
206	AUDI ..... AUDI TT .....	0	2,259	0.0000
207	BENTLEY MOTORS ..... MULSANNE .....	0	233	0.0000
208	BUGATTI ..... VEYRON .....	0	5	0.0000
209	LAMBORGHINI ..... AVENTADOR COUPE .....	0	252	0.0000
210	LAMBORGHINI ..... GALLARDO .....	0	285	0.0000
211	BYD ..... E6 .....	0	11	0.0000
Theft rate per 1,000 vehicles produced = Total theft ÷ Total production × 1000		12,172	10,777,418	1.1294

Under authority delegated in 49 CFR part 1.95.

**R. Ryan Posten**

*Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 622

[Docket No. 120815345-3525-02]

RIN 0648-XD628

#### Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2014 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for Gray Triggerfish in the South Atlantic

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Temporary rule; closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS implements accountability measures (AMs) for recreational gray triggerfish in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the South Atlantic. Because recreational landings for gray triggerfish in the 2013 fishing year exceeded the recreational annual catch limit (ACL) for the stock, NMFS monitored recreational landings in 2014 for a persistence in increased landings. Through this temporary rule, NMFS now closes the recreational sector for gray triggerfish in the South Atlantic EEZ on November 26, 2014, as NMFS has projected the recreational ACL to have been met for the 2014 fishing year. This closure is necessary to protect the gray triggerfish resource.

**DATES:** This rule is effective 12:01 a.m., local time, November 26, 2014, until 12:01 a.m., local time, January 1, 2015.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The snapper-grouper fishery of the South Atlantic, which includes gray triggerfish, is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and is implemented under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) by regulations at 50 CFR part 622.

The recreational ACL for gray triggerfish is 353,638 lb (160,407 kg), round weight. In accordance with regulations at 50 CFR 622.193(q)(2), if the recreational ACL is exceeded, the Assistant Administrator, NMFS (AA), will file a notification with the Office of the Federal Register to reduce the length of the following fishing season by the amount necessary to ensure landings do not exceed the recreational ACL in the following fishing year. In the 2013 fishing year, recreational landings were 373,983 lb (169,636 kg), round weight, and therefore, exceeded the recreational ACL by 20,345 lb (9,228 kg), round weight. NMFS received landings projections on November 12, 2014, that indicated the fishery has likely met the recreational ACL. Therefore, this temporary rule closes the recreational sector for gray triggerfish within the snapper-grouper fishery in 2014, effective 12:01 a.m., local time, November 26, 2014.

During the closure, the bag and possession limit for gray triggerfish in or from the South Atlantic EEZ is zero. The recreational sector for gray triggerfish will reopen on January 1, 2015, the beginning of the 2015 recreational fishing season. Upon reaching the commercial ACL, NMFS closed the commercial sector for gray triggerfish effective May 12, 2014 (79 FR 26375, May 8, 2014). Therefore, on November 26, 2014, no commercial or recreational harvest of gray triggerfish from the South Atlantic EEZ is permitted until January 1, 2015.

## Classification

The Assistant Administrator (AA), Southeast Region, NMFS, has determined this temporary rule is necessary for the conservation and management of South Atlantic gray triggerfish within the South Atlantic snapper-grouper fishery and is consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Act and other applicable laws.

This action is taken under 50 CFR 622.193(q)(2) and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

These measures are exempt from the procedures of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because the temporary rule is issued without opportunity for prior notice and comment.

This action responds to the best scientific information available recently obtained from the fishery. The AA finds that the need to immediately implement this action to close the recreational sector for gray triggerfish constitutes good cause to waive the requirements to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the authority set forth in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), as such procedures are unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. Such procedures are unnecessary because the rule itself has been subject to notice and comment, and all that remains is to notify the public of the closure. Additionally, such procedures are contrary to the public interest because there is a need to immediately notify the public of the recreational closure for gray triggerfish for the 2014 fishing year, to prevent recreational harvest of gray triggerfish from further exceeding the ACL, which will help protect this resource in the South Atlantic.

For the aforementioned reasons, the AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effectiveness of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3).

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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