

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THEFT RATES OF 1998 MODEL YEAR PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES STOLEN IN CALENDAR YEAR 1998—Continued

Manufacturer	Make/model (line)	Thefts 1998	Production (Mfr's) 1998	1998 theft rate (per 1,000 vehicles produced)
177 Saab	900	5	12,003	0.4166
178 General Motors	Chevrolet Astro Van	34	83,317	0.4081
179 Aston Martin	DB7	0	213	0.0000
180 Audi	A8	0	1,978	0.0000
181 Chrysler Corp	Intrepid ²	0	171	0.0000
182 Fiat	Ferrari	456	25	0.0000
183 Fiat	Ferrari 550	0	149	0.0000
184 Fiat	Ferrari F355	0	511	0.0000
185 General Motors	Buick Funeral Coach	0	1,061	0.0000
186 General Motors	Cadillac Limousine	0	1,134	0.0000
187 Honda	Acura NSX	0	254	0.0000
188 Lotus	Esprit	0	54	0.0000
189 Rolls-Royce	Bentley Azure	0	99	0.0000
190 Rolls-Royce	Bentley Brooklands	0	39	0.0000
191 Rolls-Royce	Bentley Continental R	0	24	0.0000
192 Rolls-Royce	Bentley Continental T	0	20	0.0000
193 Rolls-Royce	Bentley Turbo R/RT	0	25	0.0000
194 Rolls-Royce	Silver Spur Park Ward	0	12	0.0000
195 Rolls-Royce	Silver Spur	0	30	0.0000
196 Vector Auto	Avtech SC/M12	0	5	0.0000

¹ Nativa is the name applied to Montero Sport vehicles that are manufactured for sale only in Puerto Rico.

² These vehicles were manufactured for sale only in U.S. territories under the Chrysler name plate.

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Stephen R. Kratzke,

Acting Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Solicitation of Applications for Membership on Customs Cobra Fees Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice establishes criteria and procedures for the selection of members and requests applications for membership on the Customs COBRA Fees Advisory Committee.

DATES: Applications will be accepted until March 9, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be addressed to Richard Coleman, Trade Compliance Team, United States Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 5.2, Washington, DC 20229, Attention: COBRA 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Coleman, Trade Compliance Team, U.S. Customs Service, 202-927-0563.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

By enactment of Pub. L. 106-36, the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999, section 13031 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) of 1985 (19 U.S.C. 58c) was amended by adding language which directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish an advisory committee (the Customs COBRA Fees Advisory Committee) whose membership shall consist of representatives from the airline, cruise ship and other transportation industries who may be the subject of fees under section 13031.

The Committee will advise the Commissioner of Customs on issues related to the performance of inspectional services of the United States Customs Service. Such advice shall include, but not be limited to, such issues as the time periods during which such services should be performed, the proper number and deployment of inspectional officers, the level of fees and the appropriateness of any proposed fee.

The Committee will consist of eight industry members and one U.S. Customs representative. The Deputy Commissioner of the U.S. Customs Service will be the Customs representative and chair the Committee. Two senior managers representing the Office of Finance and the Office of Field Operations of the U.S. Customs Service will serve as technical representatives to

the chairperson. The Committee shall be in existence unless, or until, such time as its establishment is repealed by Congress.

The members shall be selected by the Commissioner of Customs from applicants representing the transportation industry served by Customs, such as but not limited to, the following: commercial cargo vessels, commercial passenger vessels, rail transportation, trucking transportation, air passenger, barge operators and general aviation.

The members must demonstrate professional or personal qualifications relevant to the purpose, functions and tasks of the Committee. Appointments will be made with the objective of creating a diverse and balanced body with a variety of interests, backgrounds and viewpoints represented. In addition, the members shall represent as much as possible all geographical regions of the country. Persons who serve on another advisory committee will not be eligible to serve on this Committee.

The Deputy Commissioner may designate another official to serve in his absence as Acting Chairperson for purposes of presiding over a meeting of the Committee or performing any other duty of the chairperson. Not more than four meetings will be held during a two year period, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Regular meetings will be held at six

month intervals. An occasional special meeting may be held at the discretion of the chairperson and the members. Meetings will generally be held at the U.S. Customs Service headquarters in Washington, DC. On occasion, meetings may be held outside of Customs Headquarters, generally at a Customs port.

The meetings are open to public observers, including the press, unless special procedures have been followed to close a meeting to the public. The Committee may elect to receive oral or written presentations by parties not directly represented by a member of the Committee where such presentations would contribute to committee deliberations.

No person who is required to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act as an agent or representative of a foreign principal may serve on the advisory committee. Members shall not be paid compensation, nor shall they be considered federal government employees for any reason. No per diem, transportation or other expenses will be reimbursed for the cost of attending committee meetings at any location.

Membership on the Committee is personal to the appointees. Regular attendance is essential to the effective operation of the Committee. Members are selected based on their individual credentials and qualifications. Members may not designate alternates to represent them at Committee meetings. In the event of an unavoidable absence of a member, even if the meeting is closed to the public, a representative of the member's organization may attend the session as a nonparticipating observer.

Initially, four members will be appointed for a term of twelve months and four members will be appointed for a term of twenty four months. Thereafter members will serve for a period of twenty four months. Members who served on the Committee during a prior two year term or terms are eligible to reapply for membership. However, it is expected that approximately half of the seats on the Committee will be filled with new members.

Any interested person wishing to serve on the Customs COBRA Fees Advisory Committee must provide the following: a statement of interest and reasons for application and a complete professional biography or resume. In addition, applicants must state in their applications that they agree to submit to preappointment security and tax checks. There is no prescribed format for the application. Applicants may send a cover letter describing their interest and qualifications, along with a resume.

Dated: February 2, 2000.

Raymond W. Kelly,

Commissioner of Customs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms 6559 & 6559-A

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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 IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 6559, Transmitter Report and Summary of Magnetic Media and Form 6559-A, Continuation Sheet for Form 6559.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 10, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Faye Bruce, (202) 622-6665, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Transmitter Report and Summary of Magnetic Media (Form 6559) and Continuation Sheet for Form 6559 (Form 6559-A).

OMB Number: 1545-0441.

Form Number: 6559 & 6559-A.

Abstract: Forms 6559 and 6559-A are used by filers of Form W-2 Wage and Tax Data to transmit filings on magnetic media. SSA and IRS need signed jurat and summary data for processing purposes. The forms are used primarily by large employers and tax filing services (service bureaus).

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the forms at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit

institutions, farms, and Federal, state, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 90,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 18 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 27,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

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.

Approved: January 28, 2000.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of Citizen Advocacy Panel, Brooklyn District

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Brooklyn District Citizen Advocacy