

tire size, rim designation and recommended cold inflation pressure on the certification label specified by 49 CFR Section 567.4, but rather utilized the option in S5.3(b) of FMVSS 120 and provided a separate label attached to the driver side B-pillar. The separate tire information label did not list the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) and gross axle weight rating (GAWR) of the vehicle because those weights were identified on the Section 567.4 certification label which is also affixed to the driver side B-pillar.

Volkswagen believes that the failure of the tire information label on the driver's side B-pillar to include the vehicle weight values is at a minimum inconsequential for motor vehicle safety because the weights are included on the certification label which is also mounted on the driver side B-pillar of the vehicle. Any consumer who is interested in the vehicle weights would be able to find those values on the certification label where they are included pursuant to the requirements of Section 567.4.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments on the application described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. It is requested that two copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated below will be considered. The application and supporting materials, and all comments received after the closing date, will also be filed and will be considered to the extent possible. When the application is granted or denied, the notice will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Comment closing date: November 2, 2001.

(49 U.S.C. 301118, 301120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

Issued on: September 27, 2001.

Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2001-10695; Notice 1]

Volkswagen of America, Inc.; Receipt of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Volkswagen of America, Inc. (Volkswagen), has determined that approximately 5,772 vehicles produced between July 2000 and June 22, 2001, do not meet the labeling requirements of paragraph S5.3(b) of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 120 "Tire Selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles Other than Passenger Cars". Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h), Volkswagen has petitioned for a determination that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety and has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR Section 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports."

This notice of receipt of an application is published under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120 and does not represent any agency decision or other exercise of judgment concerning the merits of the application.

The noncompliant vehicles were produced by Audi AG and were imported by Volkswagen. The noncompliance relates to MPV vehicles produced and imported under the Audi Allroad Quattro model designation. In these vehicles, the manufacturer did not include tire size, rim designation and recommended cold inflation pressure on the certification label specified by 49 CFR Section 567, but rather utilized the option in S5.3(b) of FMVSS 120 and provided a separate label attached to the driver side B-pillar. The separate tire information label did not list the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) and gross axle weight rating (GAWR) of the vehicle because those weights were identified on the Section 567.4 certification label which is also affixed to the driver side B-pillar.

Volkswagen believes that the failure of the tire information label on the driver's side B-pillar to include the vehicle weight values is at a minimum inconsequential for motor vehicle safety because the weights are included on the certification label which is also mounted on the driver side B-pillar of the vehicle. Any consumer who is interested in the vehicle weights would be able to find those values on the certification label where they are included pursuant to the requirements of Section 567.4 are visible when the door is open.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments on the application described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. It is requested that two copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated below will be considered. The application and supporting materials, and all comments received after the closing date, will also be filed and will be considered to the extent possible. When the application is granted or denied, the notice will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Delays in Processing of Exemption Applications

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applications delayed more than 180 days.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), RSPA is publishing the following list of exemption applications that have been in process for 180 days or more. The reason(s) for delay and the expected completion date for action on each application is provided in association with each identified application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Suzanne Hedgepeth, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

Key to "Reasons for Delay"

1. Awaiting additional information from applicant.
2. Extensive public comment under review.

3. Application is technically complex and is of significant impact or precedent-setting and requires extensive analysis.

4. Staff review delayed by other priority issues or volume or exemption applications.

Meaning of Application Number Suffixes

N—New application.

M—Modification request.

PM—Party to application with modification request.

Issued in Washington, DC on September 28, 2001.

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals.

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
New Exemption Applications			
11862-N	The BOC Group, Murray Hill, NJ	4	10/31/2001
11927-N	Alaska Marine Lines, Inc., Seattle, WA	4	10/31/2001
12248-N	Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp., High Point, NC	1, 4	10/31/2001
12290-N	Savage Industries, Inc., Pottstown, PA	4	10/31/2001
12353-N	Monson Companies, South Portland, ME	4	10/31/2001
12355-N	Union Tank Car Company, East Chicago, IN	4	10/31/2001
12381-N	Ideal Chemical & Supply Co., Memphis, TN	4	10/31/2001
12406-N	Occidental Chemical Corporation, Dallas, TX	4	10/31/2001
12412-N	Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR	4	10/31/2001
12434-N	Salmon Air, Salmon, ID	4	10/31/2001
12440-N	Luxfer Inc., Riverside, CA	4	10/31/2001
12456-N	Baker Hughes, Houston, TX	4	10/31/2001
12497-N	Henderson International Technologies, Inc., Richardson, TX	4	10/31/2001
12571-N	Air Products & Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, PA	4	10/31/2001
12574-N	Weldship Corporation, Bethlehem, PA	4	10/31/2001
12586-N	Wilsonart International Inc., Temple, TX	4	10/31/2001
12587-N	Georgia-Pacific Corp., Crossett, AR	4	10/31/2001
12588-N	El Dorado Chemical Co., Creve Ceour, MO	4	10/31/2001
12591-N	SGL Carbon, LLC, Morgantown, NC	1	10/31/2001
12623-N	General Chemical Corporation, Parsippany, NJ	4	10/31/2001
12629-N	Western Sales & Testing of Amarillo, Inc., Amarillo, TX	4	11/30/2001
12630-N	Chemetall GmbH Gesellschaft, Langelseium, DE	4	11/30/2001
12634-N	Norman International, Los Angeles, CA	4	11/30/2001
12644-N	Global Composites International, Inc., San Dimas, CA	4	11/30/2001
12648-N	Stress Engineering Services, Inc., Houston, TX	4	12/01/2001
12650-N	Coleman Powermate, Inc., Kearney, NE	4	12/31/2001
12658-N	Montgomery Manufacturing Company, Kennedale, TX	4	12/31/2001
12670-N	Taylor-Wharton, Theodore, AL	4	12/31/2001
12674-N	G&S Aviation, Donnelly, ID	4	12/31/2001
12677-N	Austin Powder Co., Cleveland, OH	4	12/31/2001
12679-N	Applied Companies, Santa Clarita, CA	4	12/31/2001
12694-N	Illbruck Sealant Systems, Inc., Minneapolis, MN	4	12/31/2001
12695-N	Global Composites International, Inc., San Dimas, CA	4	11/30/2001
12702-N	Los Crespos Cylinders, Anasco, PR	4	11/30/2001
12728-N	Eagle-Picher Technologies, LLC, Joplin, MO	4	11/30/2001
12819-N	BBI-Biotech Research Laboratories, Inc., Gaithersburg, MD	4	12/31/2001
7060-M	Federal Express, Memphis, TN	4	10/31/2001
8086-M	The Boeing Co. (Mil Aircraft & Missiles Sys Group), Seattle, WA	4	10/31/2001
8308-M	Tradewind Enterprise, Inc., Hillsboro, OR	4	10/31/2001
8308-M	American Courier Express Corporation, Miramar, FL	4	11/30/2001
8554-M	Orica USA Inc., Englewood, CO	4	10/31/2001
10695-M	3M Company, St. Paul, MN	4	10/31/2001
11202-M	Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co., Newport News, VA	4	10/31/2001
11244-M	Aerospace Design & Development, Inc., Longmont, CO	4	10/31/2001
11316-M	TRW Automotive, Queen Creek, AZ	4	10/31/2001
11537-M	JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., Milford, VA	4	10/31/2001
11769-M	Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR	4	10/31/2001
11769-M	Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR	4	11/30/2001
11769-M	Hydrite Chemical Company, Brookfield, WI	4	11/30/2001
11798-M	Anderson Development Company, Adrian, MI	4	10/31/2001
11911-M	Transfer Flow, Inc., Chico, CA	4	10/31/2001
12084-M	Honeywell International, Inc., Morristown, NJ	4	12/31/2001
12184-M	Weldship Corporation, Bethlehem, PA	4	11/30/2001
12581-M	Nat'l Aero & Space Admn (NASA), Goddard Space Ctr, Greenbelt, MD	4	10/31/2001
12633-M	Isolair Helicopter Systems, Troutdale, OR	4	11/30/2001

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0139]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine eligibility to reinstate government life insurance.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 3, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0139" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the

burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Notice—Payment Not Applied (Government Life Insurance), VA Form 29-4499A.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0139.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine eligibility to reinstate government life insurance.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 300 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,200.

Dated: September 24, 2001.
By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0149]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to convert to a permanent plan of insurance.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed

collection of information should be received on or before December 3, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0149" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Application for Conversion (Government Life Insurance), VA Form 29-0152.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0149.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form is used by the insured to convert to a permanent plan of insurance. VA uses the information to initiate the processing of the insured's request to convert his/her term insurance.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,125 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,500.

Dated: September 25, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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