

The petitioner claims that it carefully compared the 1990 Mercedes-Benz 420 SEC to the 1990 Mercedes-Benz 560 SEC, and found the two vehicles to be substantially similar with respect to compliance with most Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Champagne submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that the 1990 Mercedes-Benz 420 SEC, as originally manufactured, conforms to many Federal motor vehicle safety standards in the same manner as the 1990 Mercedes-Benz 560 SEC, or is capable of being readily altered to conform to those standards.

Specifically, the petitioner claims that the 1990 Mercedes-Benz 420 SEC is identical to the 1990 Mercedes-Benz 560 SEC with respect to compliance with Standards Nos. 102 *Transmission Shift Lever Sequence*, \* \* \*, 103 *Defrosting and Defogging Systems*, 104 *Windshield Wiping and Washing Systems*, 105 *Hydraulic Brake Systems*, 106 *Brake Hoses*, 109 *New Pneumatic Tires*, 113 *Hood Latch Systems*, 116 *Brake Fluid*, 124 *Accelerator Control Systems*, 201 *Occupant Protection in Interior Impact*, 202 *Head Restraints*, 204 *Steering Control Rearward Displacement*, 205 *Glazing Materials*, 206 *Door Locks and Door Retention Components*, 207 *Seating Systems*, 209 *Seat Belt Assemblies*, 210 *Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages*, 212 *Windshield Retention*, 216 *Roof Crush Resistance*, 219 *Windshield Zone Intrusion*, and 302 *Flammability of Interior Materials*.

Petitioner also contends that the vehicle is capable of being readily altered to meet the following standards, in the manner indicated:

Standard No. 101 *Controls and Displays*: (a) Substitution of a lens marked "Brake" for a lens with a noncomplying symbol on the brake failure indicator lamp; (b) installation of a seat belt warning lamp that displays the appropriate symbol; (c) recalibration of the speedometer/odometer from kilometers to miles per hour.

Standard No. 108 *Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment*: (a) Installation of U.S.-model headlamp assemblies; (b) installation of U.S.-model front and rear sidemarker/reflector assemblies; (c) installation of U.S.-model tail lamp assemblies; (d) installation of a high-mounted stop lamp.

Standard No. 110 *Tire Selection and Rims*: Installation of a tire information placard.

Standard No. 111 *Rearview Mirror*: Replacement of the convex passenger side rearview mirror.

Standard No. 114 *Theft Protection*: Installation of a warning buzzer microswitch in the steering lock assembly and a warning buzzer.

Standard No. 118 *Power Window Systems*: Rewiring of the power window system so that the window transport is inoperative when the ignition is switched off.

Standard No. 208 *Occupant Crash Protection*:

(a) Installation of a U.S. model seat belt in the driver's position, or a belt webbing actuated microswitch inside the driver's seat belt retractor; (b) installation of an ignition switch actuated seat belt warning lamp and buzzer; (c) replacement of the driver's side air bag and knee bolster with U.S. model components. The petitioner states that the vehicle is equipped with a combination lap and shoulder restraint that adjusts by means of an automatic retractor and releases by means of a single push button in each front designated seating position, and with a combination lap and shoulder restraint that releases by means of a single push button in each rear outboard designated seating position.

Standard No. 214 *Side Impact Protection*: Installation of reinforcing beams.

Standard No. 301 *Fuel System Integrity*: Installation of a rollover valve in the fuel tank vent line.

Additionally, petitioner contends that the bumpers on the non-U.S. certified 1990 Mercedes-Benz 420 SEC must be reinforced or replaced to comply with the Bumper Standard found in 49 CFR part 581.

The petitioner also states that a vehicle identification number plate must be affixed to the vehicle to meet the requirements of 49 CFR part 565.

Petitioner lastly states that prior to importation, the vehicle must be brought into compliance with the parts marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard found at 49 CFR part 541.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments on the petition described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: Docket Section, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5109, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. It is requested but not required that 10 copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be considered, and will be available for examination in the docket at the above address both before and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the

closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

Issued on: April 3, 1997.

**Marilynne Jacobs,**

*Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Departmental Offices

#### Debt Management Advisory Committee; Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. sec. 10(a)(2), that a meeting will be held at the U.S. Treasury Department, 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, on April 29 and 30, 1997, of the following debt management advisory committee:

Public Securities Association  
Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee

The agenda for the meeting provides for a technical background briefing by Treasury staff on April 29, followed by a charge by the Secretary of the Treasury or his designate that the committee discuss particular issues, and a working session. On April 30, the committee will present a written report of its recommendations.

The background briefing by Treasury staff will be held at 11:30 a.m. Eastern time on April 29 and will be open to the public. The remaining sessions on April 29 and the committee's reporting session on April 30 will be closed to the public, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. sec. 10(d).

This notice shall constitute my determination, pursuant to the authority placed in heads of departments by 5 U.S.C. App. sec. 10(d) and vested in me by Treasury Department Order No. 101-05, that the closed portions of the meeting are concerned with information that is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A). The public interest requires that such meetings be closed to the public because the Treasury Department requires frank and full advice from representatives of the financial community prior to making its final decision on major financing operations. Historically, this advice has been offered by debt management advisory committees established by the several major segments of the financial community. When so utilized, such a

committee is recognized to be an advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. app. sec. 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the advisory committee, premature disclosure of the committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, these meetings fall within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A).

The Office of the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: April 2, 1997.

**John D. Hawke, Jr.,**

*Under Secretary (Domestic Finance).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

[T.D. 97-20]

#### **Tuna Fish—Tariff-Rate Quota; The Tariff-Rate Quota for Calendar Year 1997, on Tuna Classifiable Under Subheading 1604.14.20, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS)**

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

**ACTION:** Announcement of the quota quantity for tuna for Calendar Year 1997.

**SUMMARY:** Each year the tariff-rate quota for tuna fish described in subheading 1604.14.20, HTSUS, is based on the United States canned tuna production for the preceding calendar year.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** The 1997 tariff-rate quota is applicable to tuna fish entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the period January 1 through December 31, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Porter, Supervisor, Quota, Import Operations, Trade Compliance Division, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs Service, Washington, D.C. 20229, (202) 927-5399. It has now been determined that 35,662,163 kilograms of tuna may be entered for consumption or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the Calendar Year

1997, at the rate of 6 percent ad valorem under subheading 1604.14.20, HTSUS. Any such tuna which is entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the current calendar year in excess of this quota will be dutiable at the rate of 12.5 percent ad valorem under subheading 1604.14.30 HTSUS.

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Dated: March 18, 1997.

**George J. Weise,**

*Commissioner.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** National Cemetery System, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Cemetery System (NCS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before June 9, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Frances Willis, National Cemetery System (402B2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the NCS request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document the NCS is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0559.

*Title:* State Cemetery Data, VA Form 40-0241.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

**Need and Uses:** The information is collected annually and is used by the NCS's State Cemetery Grants Service to conduct studies. For example, the information is used to demonstrate to the States (especially those without state veterans cemeteries) not only the viability of the program, but to demonstrate that they have a need. In 1996 alone, for example, State cemeteries provided for burial of 11,280 veterans and eligible family members, nearly 16 percent of the total number of burials provided by VA national cemeteries. This can demonstrate that State cemeteries are needed and a demand exists for the services provided. The State Cemetery Grants Service is a user of the information as is the Field Operations Office of NCS and the Budget and Planning Service in Operations Support, NCS. States use this data as well as congressional offices, veterans organizations and interested citizens.

**Current Actions:** VA Form 40-0241 is used to collect information regarding the number of interments conducted at state veterans cemeteries each year. This information is necessary for budget and oversight purposes. In addition, NCS's State Cemetery Grants Service needs the information to answer questions which arise during the course of the year to respond to Congressional correspondence and to project and predict the need for burial space and the demand for state grants. Burial information provides the usage rates and helps in the prediction of when a cemetery needs to develop additional acreage (request a grant to expand) or is going to close. The amount of acreage used helps the State Cemetery Grants Service and National Cemetery System anticipate closing and the requirement for additional cemeteries (either state or national). Lower burial rates may indicate problems such as ineffective outreach or poor maintenance that should be investigated. The information is used in conjunction with the information gained from the national cemeteries to consider where to place national or state cemeteries. 38 CFR, Section 39.3, points out that "the Secretary and any authorized representative (in this case the State Cemetery Grants Service) will have access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers or documents related to the grant." 38 CFR, Section 39.5, discusses follow-up procedures once a cemetery is established and points out the need for audits.

**Affected Public:** State, Local or Tribal Government.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 52 hours.