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

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Harley-Davidson's Petition**

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h) (see implementing rule at 49 CFR part 556), Harley-Davidson submitted a petition for an exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 on the basis that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

This notice of receipt of Harley-Davidson's petition 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 petition.

##### **II. Vehicles Involved**

Affected are approximately 343,680 MY 2009–2014 Harley-Davidson FL Touring family motorcycles manufactured between June 10, 2008 and March 25, 2014.

##### **III. Noncompliance**

Harley-Davidson explains that the noncompliance is that the location of the rear reflex reflectors on the subject vehicles are mounted between an average of 0.3" and 0.7" below the required 15" height-above-road surface as required by paragraph S6.1.3 of FMVSS No. 108.

##### **IV. Rule Text**

Paragraph S6.1.3.1 of FMVSS No. 108 requires in pertinent part:

S6.1.3.1 Each lamp, reflective device, and item of associated equipment must be

securely mounted on a rigid part of the vehicle, other than glazing, that is not designed to be removed except for repair, within the mounting location and height limits as specified in Table I, and in a location where it complies with all applicable photometric requirements, effective projected luminous lens area requirements, and visibility requirements with all obstructions considered.

##### **V. Summary of Harley-Davidson's Analyses**

Harley-Davidson stated its belief that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety for the following reasons:

- Harley-Davidson had a third-party conduct testing on the subject motorcycles and reflex reflectors and they exhibited no reduction in conspicuity as compared to compliant vehicles. The independent company tested five test heights, for a test range of 11"–15" height above-road surface, and all five tests far exceeded the minimum required values at each of the 10 test points specified in Table XVI. Due to the substantial safety margin designed into these reflex reflectors, photometry remained well above the minimums even when mounted a full 4" inches below the minimum mounting height.

- Harley-Davidson believes that the lower mounting height of these reflectors may actually increase conspicuity and motor vehicle safety compared to fully compliant (higher mounted) reflectors.

- Harley-Davidson notes that the United Nations ECE regulations specify a minimum mounting height of 9.84" (240mm). And further notes that in one study of daytime side vehicle conspicuity of motorcycles, NHTSA's researchers concluded that the mounting height of the side reflex reflectors (12 inches vs 15 inches) was an "insignificant" factor for vehicle identification distance.

- Harley-Davidson further states that under FMVSS No. 108, tail lamps and license plate lamps on motorcycles are required to be illuminated whenever the headlamp is activated. And that since all Harley-Davidson models are equipped with automatic headlights on (AHO) functionality, the headlamps and tail lamps are automatically illuminated when the ignition is in the on position, thus providing conspicuity during daylight and darkness while the motorcycle is operating.

Harley-Davidson also made reference to a withdrawal of rulemaking regarding a lower height for reflex reflectors.

Harley-Davidson has additionally informed NHTSA that it has corrected

the noncompliance so that all future production motorcycles will comply with FMVSS No. 108.

In summation, Harley-Davidson believes that the described noncompliance of the subject vehicles is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety, and that its petition, to exempt Harley-Davidson from providing recall notification of noncompliance as required by 49 U.S.C. 30118 and remedying the recall noncompliance as required by 49 U.S.C. 30120 should be granted.

NHTSA notes that the statutory provisions (49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h)) that permit manufacturers to file petitions for a determination of inconsequentiality allow NHTSA to exempt manufacturers only from the duties found in sections 30118 and 30120, respectively, to notify owners, purchasers, and dealers of a defect or noncompliance and to remedy the defect or noncompliance. Therefore, any decision on this petition only applies to the subject motorcycles that Harley-Davidson no longer controlled at the time it determined that the noncompliance existed. However, any decision on this petition does not relieve vehicle distributors and dealers of the prohibitions on the sale, offer for sale, or introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of the noncompliant vehicles under their control after Harley-Davidson notified them that the subject noncompliance existed.

**Authority:** (49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.95 and 501.8).

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*Acting Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.*

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#### **U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION**

##### **Notice of Open Meetings to Prepare the 2014 Annual Report to Congress; Advisory Committee: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission**

**ACTION:** Notice of open meetings to be held in Washington, DC as follows: (1) Review and edit drafts of 2014 Annual Report to Congress—July 14–15, August 18–19, September 22–23, and October 06–07, 2014.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of meetings of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

*Name:* Dennis C. Shea, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, evaluate and report to Congress annually on the U.S.-China economic and security relationship. The mandate specifically charges the Commission to prepare a report to Congress “regarding the national security implications and impact of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China [that] shall include a full analysis, along with conclusions and recommendations for legislative and administrative actions . . .”

*Purpose of Meetings:*

Pursuant to this mandate, members of the Commission will meet in Washington, DC on July 14–15, August 18–19, September 22–23, and October 06–07, 2014 to review and edit drafts of the 2014 Annual Report to Congress.

The Commission is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) with the enactment of the Science, State, Justice, Commerce and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 that was signed into law on November 22, 2005 (Pub. L. 109–108). In accordance with FACA, the Commission’s meeting to make decisions concerning the substance and recommendations of its 2014 Annual Report to Congress are open to the public.

*Topics To Be Discussed:*

The Commissioners will be considering draft report sections addressing the following topics:

- U.S.-China Economic and Trade Relations, including: U.S.-China Trade and Economic Developments in 2014; U.S.-China Bilateral Trade and Economic Challenges; China’s Health Care and Pharmaceutical Industries; and U.S.-China Clean Energy Cooperation.
- Military and Security Issues Involving China, including: China Security Developments in 2014; China’s Military Modernization, and China’s Internal Security.
- China and the world, including: The Evolving Security Architecture in Asia; China and the Korean Peninsula; Taiwan, and Hong Kong.

*Dates, Times, And Room Locations (Eastern Daylight Time):*

- Monday and Tuesday, *July 14–15, 2014* (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)—Room 231 and 333
- Monday and Tuesday, *August 18–19, 2014* (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)—Room 231
- Monday and Tuesday, *September 22–23, 2014* (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)—Room 231

- Monday and Tuesday, *October 06–07, 2014* (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)—Room 231

**ADDRESSES:**

All report review-editing sessions will be held in The Hall of the States (North Bldg., 2nd or 3rd Floor), located at 444 North Capitol Street NW., Washington, DC 20001.

Public seating is limited and will be available on a “first-come, first-served” basis. *Advanced reservations are not required. All participants must register at the front desk of the lobby.*

*Required Accessibility Statement:*

The entirety of these Commission editorial and drafting meetings will be open to the public. The Commission may recess the public editorial/drafting sessions to address administrative issues in closed session.

The open meetings will also be adjourned around noon for a lunch break. At the beginning of the lunch break, the Chairman will announce what time the Annual Report review and editing session will reconvene.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Reed Eckhold, Congressional Liaison and Director of Communications, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 444 North Capitol Street NW., Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; Phone: (202) 624–1496; Email: [reckhold@uscc.gov](mailto:reckhold@uscc.gov).

**Authority:** Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106–398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108–7), as amended by Public Law 109–108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: June 30, 2014.

**Michael Danis,**

*Executive Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900–0510]

**Proposed Information Collection (Application for Exclusion of Children’s Income) Activity: 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 revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine whether children’s incomes can be excluded from consideration in determining a parent’s eligibility for non-service-connected pension.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 5, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov); or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email: [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0510” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632–8924 or FAX (202) 632–8925.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), 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 Exclusion of Children’s Income, VA Form 21–0571.