

in processing those petitions and in terminating or modifying exemptions.

**§ 543.3 Application.**

This part applies to manufacturers of high-theft passenger motor vehicles; and to any interested person who seeks to have NHTSA terminate an exemption.

**§ 543.4 Definitions.**

(a) *Statutory terms.* All terms defined in sections 2, 601, and 605 of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act are used in accordance with their statutory meanings unless otherwise defined in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Other definitions.*

*Line or car line* means a name which a manufacturer applies to a group of motor vehicles of the same make which have the same body or chassis, or otherwise are similar in construction or design. A "line" may, for example, include 2-door, 4-door, station wagon, and hatchback vehicles of the same make.

*NHTSA* means the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**§ 543.5 Petition: General requirements.**

(a) For each model year through model year 1996, a manufacturer may petition NHTSA to grant exemptions for up to two additional lines of its passenger motor vehicles from the requirements of part 541 of this chapter. For each of model years 1997 through 2000, a manufacturer may petition NHTSA to grant an exemption for one additional line of its passenger motor vehicles from the requirements of part 541 of this chapter.

(b) Each petition filed under this part for an exemption must—

- (1) Be written in the English language;
- (2) Be submitted in three copies to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590;
- (3) State the full name and address of the petitioner, the nature of its organization (individual, partnership, corporation, etc.), and the name of the State or country under the laws of which it is organized;
- (4) Be submitted at least 8 months before the commencement of production of the lines specified under para-

graph (5) of § 543.5(b) for the first model year in which the petitioner wishes those lines to be exempted, and identify that model year;

(5) Identify the passenger motor vehicle line or lines for which exemption is sought;

(6) Set forth in full the data, views, and arguments of the petitioner supporting the exemption, including the information specified in § 543.6; and

(7) Specify and segregate any part of the information and data submitted which the petitioner requests be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with part 512, *Confidential Business Information*, of this chapter.

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**§ 543.6 Petition: Specific content requirements.**

(a) Each petition for exemption filed under this part must include:

(1) A statement that an antitheft device will be installed as standard equipment on all vehicles in the line for which an exemption is sought;

(2) A list naming each component in the antitheft system, and a diagram showing the location of each of those components within the vehicle;

(3) A discussion that explains the means and process by which the device is activated and functions, including any aspect of the device designed to—

- (i) Facilitate or encourage its activation by motorists,
- (ii) Attract attention to the efforts of an unauthorized person to enter or move a vehicle by means other than a key,
- (iii) Prevent defeating or circumventing the device by an unauthorized person attempting to enter a vehicle by means other than a key,
- (iv) Prevent the operation of a vehicle which an unauthorized person has entered using means other than a key, and
- (v) Ensure the reliability and durability of the device;

(4) The reasons for the petitioner's belief that the antitheft device will be effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft, including any theft data and other data that are available to the petitioner and form a basis for that belief;