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§ 544.2 Purpose.

The purpose of these reporting requirements in this part is to aid in implementing and evaluating the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 331 Theft Prevention to prevent or discourage the theft of motor vehicles, to prevent or discourage the sale or distribution in interstate commerce of used parts removed from stolen motor vehicles, and to help reduce the cost to consumers of comprehensive insurance coverage for motor vehicles.

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§ 544.3 Application.

This part applies to the motor vehicle insurance policy issuers listed in appendices A or B, and to the motor vehicle rental and leasing companies listed in appendix C.

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§ 544.4 Definitions.

(a) *Statutory terms.* All terms defined in 49 U.S.C. 33101 and 33112 are used in accordance with their statutory meanings unless otherwise defined in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Other definitions.* (1) *Comprehensive insurance coverage* means the indemnification of motor vehicle owners by an insurer against losses due to fire, theft, robbery, pilferage, malicious mischief and vandalism, and damage resulting from floods, water, tornadoes, cyclones, or windstorms.

(2) *Gross vehicle weight rating* is used as defined at § 571.3 of this chapter.

(3) *Heavy truck* means a truck with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds.

(4) *Light truck* means a truck with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.

(5) *Major part* means—

(i) In the case of passenger motor vehicles, any part listed in § 541.5(a) (1) through (14) of this chapter;

(ii) In the case of light trucks, any part listed in § 541.4(a) (1) through (14) of this chapter, or the cargo bed or transfer case;

(iii) In the case of heavy trucks, any part listed in § 541.5(a) (1) through (14) of this chapter, or the cargo bed, drive axle assembly, fifth wheel, sleeper, or the transfer case;

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(iv) In the case of multipurpose passenger vehicles, any part listed in § 541.5(a) (1) through (14) of this chapter, or the cargo bed or transfer case; and

(v) In the case of motorcycles, the crankcase, engine, frame, front fork, or transmission.

(6) *Motorcycle* is used as defined at § 571.3 of this chapter.

(7) *Motorcycle vehicle* means a passenger motor vehicle, multipurpose passenger vehicle, truck, or motorcycle.

(8) *Multipurpose passenger vehicle* is used as defined at § 571.3 of this chapter.

(9) *Recovery* means regaining physical possession of a motor vehicle or a major portion of the superstructure of a motor vehicle with one or more major parts still attached to the superstructure, after that vehicle has been stolen.

(10) *Recovery-in-part* means a recovery in which one or more of the recovered vehicle's major parts is missing at the time of recovery.

(11) *Recovery intact* means a recovery with none of the recovered vehicle's major parts missing at the time of recovery, and with no apparent damage to any part of the motor vehicle other than those parts damaged in order to enter, start, and operate the vehicle, but with additional mileage and ordinary wear and tear.

(12) *Recovery-in-whole* means a recovery with none of the recovered vehicle's major parts missing at the time of recovery, but with apparent damage to some part or parts of the vehicle in addition to those parts damaged in order to enter, start, and operate the vehicle.

(13) *Reporting period* means the calendar year covered by a report submitted under this part.

(14) *Truck* is used as defined at § 571.3 of this chapter.

(15)(i) In the case of insurers that issue motor vehicle insurance policies, *vehicle theft* means an actual physical removal of a motor vehicle without the permission of its owner, but does not include the removal of component parts, accessories, or personal belongings from a motor vehicle which is not moved.