



Original Equipment Suppliers Association

BULLETIN

To: OESA Members

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MEMA Requests Information on Burdensome Regulations: Bush Administration to Modernize Rules Adversely Affecting U.S. Manufacturers

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will accept suggestions from OESA members relative to modernizing manufacturing regulations as a result of a comprehensive review of regulations affecting manufacturers in the United States. The Administration found that small and medium-sized manufacturing companies in the U.S. carry a significant economic weight as a result of regulatory compliance. The Department of Commerce's January 16th report on American manufacturing recommended that these regulations be analyzed and fixed where necessary.

Congressman Joe Knollenberg (R-MI) has approached MEMA to work with automotive parts manufacturers to create a list of items for submission to the Administration. This represents an opportunity for small, medium, and large automotive suppliers to actively address obstacles to their businesses and restrictions to potential growth.

The OMB has requested information on any U.S. regulations that are inefficient or problematic for manufacturers. Specifically, the eligible regulations would be those that are costly, dated, represent a significant obstacle to doing business, or are unduly onerous, without providing a notable or commensurable benefit. MEMA is also interested in those regulations that may be difficult in terms of compliance, require excessive amounts of paperwork or which are not clear. The final list of regulations from the auto supplier industry will be sent to OMB for review and those regulations may then be amended and fixed.

MEMA member companies must provide as much information as possible about the regulation, including the name, date of publication or effective date, Code of Federal Regulations reference, and implementing agency. In addition, MEMA asks that the member company be as detailed as possible as to why the regulation is problematic or burdensome. Members should include specific examples or data as to the cost or time requirements associated with complying with the regulation. All forms must indicate a specific contact person from the member company, as MEMA staff members may need to follow-up with the company and request additional information. MEMA will then select those regulations that appear to be the most burdensome for the industry and will assemble the final list for submission to **Congressman Knollenberg's** office. **The final submission will be entered under the MEMA name.**

To participate in this effort, please complete the attached form and return it to the MEMA Washington, D.C. office **no later than Friday, April 16, 2004.**

To reply, fax the attached form to the MEMA Washington, D.C. office at 202.737.3742. For further information, contact Ana Lopes, at alopes@mema.org or 202.312.9241.

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Complete One Form for Each Regulation Nominated

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Check One Option: AASA Member: _____ HDMA Member: _____ OESA Member: _____

Company Representative: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Recommended Regulation: _____

Code of Federal Regulations Cite: _____

Effective Date or Date of Publication: _____

Implementing Agency: _____ Environmental Protection Agency
(Check One) _____ Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
_____ DOT/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
_____ Small Business Administration
_____ Department of Homeland Security (Customs)
_____ Department of Labor:
_____ Other (please specify) _____

Please provide details as to how this regulation adversely affects your business:

Estimated Cost of the Regulation: _____

Estimated Amount of Paperwork Required to Comply with this Regulation: _____

Have you specifically devoted staff members to ensuring compliance with this regulation?
____ Yes _____ No If yes, how many? _____

Please specify how this regulation could be amended or changed in order to help your business:

Please fax your completed form to the MEMA Washington, D.C. Office at 202.737.3742