

#### F. The Tariff Proposal Target

Existing parties to the Uruguay Round zero for zero agreement to accelerated removal of tariffs in chapters 47, 48 and 49 of the HTS (pulp, paper and paperboard and printed material) would agree to move up the elimination of tariffs in these sectors from 1 January 2004 to 1 January 2000. Others would attempt to remove tariffs by the same date but countries could delay tariff removal until 1 January 2002 on a case by case basis for a limited number of specific products.

The proposal calls for the commencement to tariff cuts on all other products with the goal of eliminating tariffs by 1 January 2002, but accepts that in special circumstances and on a case by case basis elimination could be delayed to 1 January 2004.

#### G. Non-Tariff Measures

As part of the original APEC EVSL agreed to in November 1997, APEC economies agreed to hire a consultant to undertake a study of non-tariff measures which may be affecting trade in the forest products sector. This past April, APEC issued a request for proposals for the study. The United States is the APEC coordinator for the study. Under the terms of reference, the study will include:

- A comprehensive inventory of non-tariff measures and other policies affecting trade in forest products;
- An identification of the most frequently used measures and policies;
- A qualitative and quantitative analysis of the impact of these measures/policies on trade, including a broader analysis of the policy goals underlying those measures/policies and the economic and environmental costs and benefits stemming from their application.

APEC members have been asked to notify and cross notify on NTMs in effect in their own economies and the economies of other APEC members. The study is to be completed by August 30, 1999, after which an APEC forest experts groups will formulate appropriate recommendations for the voluntary elimination of any unjustified measures identified in the report. APEC economies are then to submit individual, voluntary reports on timetables for the implementation of those recommendations.

#### H. Economic and Technical Cooperation

Four proposals have been received to date for projects under the environmental and technical

cooperation (Ecotech) portion of the APEC EVSL. APEC economies have agreed that Ecotech cooperation projects in support of the forestry initiative should be focused on programs which further environmental goals, such as forest fire prevention, pest control, and adoption of sound phytosanitary standards. The four Ecotech projects under consideration are

- Projects to increase communities' forestry knowledge and their ability to develop solutions to such issues as forest resource assessment using criteria and indicators;
- Enhancement of local industry development in a sustainable manner through training programs on sustainable forest management;
- Cooperation to enhance collaborative work on forest fire prevention and management systems and development of fire monitoring and information systems; and
- Cooperation in such areas as (1) enhanced infrastructure, personnel and exchange of information on standards and technical regulations in the sector; (2) making information and training programs available on paper making, paper stock collection and utilization, recycling and waste reduction, panel production, furniture design, finishing and packaging, and builder's carpentry and joinery design; (3) enhancing transparency in customs procedures applied to the forestry sector through the Subcommittee on Customs Procedures of the APEC Committee on Trade and Investment; (4) promoting exchange of market information through cooperation among relevant organizations; and (5) improving information and monitoring systems associated with harmful pests.

#### 2. Written Comments

Persons wishing to submit written comments in response to this notice should provide 20 copies no later than 30 days from the date of this notice to Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, ATTN: Forest Products ATL, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Room 122, 600 Seventeenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508. Any business confidential submissions must be clearly marked as such on cover page and succeeding page. Such submission must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary thereof.

Non-confidential submissions will be available for public inspection at the USTR Reading Room, Room 101, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 Seventeenth Street, NW, Washington, DC. An appointment to review the file

may be made by calling Brenda Webb at (202) 395-6186. The Reading Room is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-99-5863]

#### Decision That Certain Nonconforming Motor Vehicles are Eligible for Importation

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision by NHTSA that certain nonconforming motor vehicles are eligible for importation.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces decisions by NHTSA that certain motor vehicles not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because they are substantially similar to vehicles originally manufactured for importation into and/or sale in the United States and certified by their manufacturers as complying with the safety standards, and they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

**DATES:** These decisions are effective as of June 25, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Entwistle, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5306).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. § 30115, and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to

conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR part 592. As specified in 49 CFR 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the **Federal Register** of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period, NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible for importation. The agency then publishes this decision in the **Federal Register**.

NHTSA received petitions from registered importers to decide whether the vehicles listed in Annex A to this notice are eligible for importation into the United States. To afford an opportunity for public comment, NHTSA published notice of these petitions as specified in Annex A. The reader is referred to those notices for a thorough description of the petitions. No comments were received in response to these notices. Based on its review of the information submitted by the petitioners, NHTSA has decided to grant the petitions.

#### **Vehicle Eligibility Number for Subject Vehicles**

The importer of a vehicle admissible under any final decision must indicate on the form HS-7 accompanying entry the appropriate vehicle eligibility number indicating that the vehicle is eligible for entry. Vehicle eligibility numbers assigned to vehicles admissible under this decision are specified in Annex A.

#### **Final Decision**

Accordingly, on the basis of the foregoing, NHTSA hereby decides that each motor vehicle listed in Annex A to this notice, which was not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards, is substantially similar to a motor vehicle manufactured for importation into and/or sale in the United States, and certified under 49 U.S.C. § 30115, as specified in Annex A, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

**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: June 22, 1999.

**Marilynne Jacobs,**

*Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.*

#### **Annex A—Nonconforming Motor Vehicles Decided To Be Eligible for Importation**

1. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4547  
Nonconforming Vehicle: 1996 Chrysler LHS manufactured for sale in Mexico  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicle: 1996 Chrysler LHS  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 56063 (October 20, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-276
2. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4575  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1995-1998 Mercedes-Benz E200  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1995-1998 Mercedes-Benz E220  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 58091 (October 29, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-278
3. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4576  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1998 Mercedes-Benz CL500  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1998 Mercedes-Benz CL500  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 58092 (October 29, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-277
4. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4578  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1987-1995 Mazda RX-7  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1994-1997 Mazda RX-7  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 58090 (October 29, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-279
5. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4800  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1984-1992 BMW K100 Motorcycles  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1984-1992 BMW K100 Motorcycles  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 67984 (December 9, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-285
6. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4801  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1990-1991 BMW 320i  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1990-1991 BMW 320i  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 67982 (December 9, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-283
7. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4802  
Nonconforming Vehicle: 1995 Mercedes-Benz SL320  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicle: 1995 Mercedes-Benz SL320  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 67983 (December 9, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-282
8. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4803  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1988-1989 Volkswagen Transporter  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1988-1989 Volkswagen Vanagon  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 67981 (December 9, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-284
9. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4804  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1991 Honda Accord

- Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1991 Honda Accord  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 66231 (December 1, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-280
10. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4805  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1999 Harley Davidson FX, FL, and XL Motorcycles  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1999 Harley Davidson FX, FL, and XL Motorcycles  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 66230 (December 1, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-281
11. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4863  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1995-1998 Volvo 850 Turbo  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1995-1998 Volvo 850 Turbo  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 68502 (December 11, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-286
12. Docket No. NHTSA-99-5068  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1996-1998 Suzuki GSF 750 Motorcycles  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1996-1998 Suzuki GSF 600 Motorcycles  
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 7684 (February 16, 1999)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-287
13. Docket No. NHTSA-99-5068-1  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1994-1998 Honda VF750 Motorcycles  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1994-1998 Honda VF750 Motorcycles  
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 7684 (February 16, 1999)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-290
14. Docket No. NHTSA-99-5069  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1994-1998 Mercedes-Benz C190  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1994-1998 Mercedes-Benz C220  
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 7685 (February 16, 1999)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-289
15. Docket No. NHTSA-99-5070  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1985-1998 Kawasaki ZX600 Motorcycles  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1985-1998 Kawasaki ZX600 Motorcycles  
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 7687 (February 16, 1999)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-288
16. Docket No. NHTSA-99-5197  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1993-1996 Lexus GS300  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1993-1996 Lexus GS300  
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 13247 (March 17, 1999)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-293
17. Docket No. NHTSA-99-5208  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1997-1999 Ferrari Maranello 550  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1997-1999 Ferrari Maranello 550  
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 13248 (March 17, 1999)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-292
18. Docket No. NHTSA-99-5209

Nonconforming Vehicles: 1992–1993 Bentley Turbo R  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1992–1993 Bentley Turbo R  
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 13245 (March 17, 1999)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-291

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–99–5864]

#### Decision That Certain Nonconforming Motor Vehicles Are Eligible for Importation

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.  
**ACTION:** Notice of decision by NHTSA that certain nonconforming motor vehicles are eligible for importation.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces decisions by NHTSA that certain motor vehicles not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because they are substantially similar to vehicles originally manufactured for importation into and/or sale in the United States and certified by their manufacturers as complying with the safety standards, and they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

**DATES:** These decisions are effective as of June 25, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Entwistle, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202–366–5306).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with

NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR part 592. As specified in 49 CFR 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the **Federal Register** of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period, NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible for importation. The agency then publishes this decision in the **Federal Register**.

NHTSA received petitions from registered importers to decide whether the vehicles listed in Annex A to this notice are eligible for importation into the United States. To afford an opportunity for public comment, NHTSA published notice of these petitions as specified in Annex A. The reader is referred to those notices for a thorough description of the petitions. No comments were received in response to these notices. Based on its review of the information submitted by the petitioners, NHTSA has decided to grant the petitions.

#### Vehicle Eligibility Number for Subject Vehicles

The importer of a vehicle admissible under any final decision must indicate on the form HS–7 accompanying entry the appropriate vehicle eligibility number indicating that the vehicle is eligible for entry. Vehicle eligibility numbers assigned to vehicles admissible under this decision are specified in Annex A.

#### Final Decision

Accordingly, on the basis of the foregoing, NHTSA hereby decides that each motor vehicle listed in Annex A to this notice, which was not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards, is substantially similar to a motor vehicle manufactured for importation into and/or sale in the United States, and certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, as specified in Annex A, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

**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.

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**Marilynne Jacobs,**

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#### Annex A—Nonconforming Motor Vehicles Decided to be Eligible for Importation

1. Docket No. NHTSA–99–5207  
Nonconforming Vehicle: 1986–1995 BMW R80 and R100 Motorcycles

- Substantially similar U.S.—certified vehicle: 1986–1995 BMW R80 and R100 Motorcycles  
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 13244 (March 17, 1999)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–295
2. Docket No. NHTSA–99–5402  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1993–1998 BMW K1100 and K1200 Motorcycles  
Substantially similar U.S.—certified vehicles: 1993–1998 BMW K1100 and K1200 Motorcycles  
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 19212 (April 19, 1999)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–303
3. Docket No. NHTSA–99–5495–1  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1995–1997 Mercedes-Benz E500  
Substantially similar U.S.—certified vehicles: 1995–1997 Mercedes-Benz E500  
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 18477 (April 14, 1999)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–304
4. Docket No. NHTSA–99–5496  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1995–1999 Mercedes-Benz S600  
Substantially similar U.S.—certified vehicles: 1995–1999 Mercedes-Benz S600  
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 18479 (April 14, 1999)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–297
5. Docket No. NHTSA–99–5497  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1994–1999 Cadillac DeVille  
Substantially similar U.S.—certified vehicles: 1994–1999 Cadillac DeVille  
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 18478 (April 14, 1999)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–300
6. Docket No. NHTSA–99–5498  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1997 Chevrolet Astro Van  
Substantially similar U.S.—certified vehicles: 1997 Chevrolet Astro Van  
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 18962 (April 16, 1999)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–298
7. Docket No. NHTSA–99–5499  
Nonconforming Vehicle: 1992–1994 Mercedes-Benz 400SE  
Substantially similar U.S.—certified vehicle: 1992–1994 Mercedes-Benz 500SEL  
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 18961 (April 16, 1999)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–296
8. Docket No. NHTSA–99–5500  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1990–1998 Yamaha Virago Motorcycles  
Substantially similar U.S.—certified vehicles: 1990–1998 Yamaha Virago Motorcycles  
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 18960 (April 16, 1999)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–301
9. Docket No. NHTSA–99–5530  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1993–1997 Toyota Previa  
Substantially similar U.S.—certified vehicles: 1993–1997 Toyota Previa  
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 19581 (April 21, 1999)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–302
10. Docket No. NHTSA–99–5531