

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 December 17, 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: December 10, 1999.

Marilynne Jacobs,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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

1. Docket No. NHTSA-99-5503
Nonconforming Vehicle: 1998-1999 Lexus RX300
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicle: 1998-1999 Lexus RX300
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 19212 (April 19, 1999)
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-307
2. Docket No. NHTSA-99-5580
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1990-1992 Acura Legend
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1990-1992 Acura Legend
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 23896 (May 4, 1999)
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-305
3. Docket No. NHTSA-99-5733
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1995-1998 Toyota Avalon
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1995-1998 Toyota Avalon
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 29937 (June 3, 1999)
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-308
4. Docket No. NHTSA-99-5736
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1994-1997 Honda Prelude
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1994-1997 Honda Prelude
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 29941 (June 3, 1999)
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-309
5. Docket No. NHTSA-99-5908
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1998-1999 BMW 5 Series
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1998-1999 BMW 5 Series
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 36957 (July 8, 1999)
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-314
6. Docket No. NHTSA-99-5909
Nonconforming Vehicle: 1995-1999 Triumph Thunderbird Motorcycles

Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicle: 1995-1999 Triumph Thunderbird Motorcycles

Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 36959 (July 8, 1999)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-311

7. Docket No. NHTSA-99-5910

Nonconforming Vehicles: 1995-1999 BMW 7 Series

Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1995-1999 BMW 7 Series

Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 36959 (July 8, 1999)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-313

8. Docket No. NHTSA-99-5911

Nonconforming Vehicles: 1987-1999 Kawasaki ZX6, ZX7, ZX9, ZX10, and ZX11 Motorcycles

Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1987-1999 Kawasaki ZX6, ZX7, ZX9, ZX10, and ZX11 Motorcycles

Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 36961 (July 8, 1999)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-312

9. Docket No. NHTSA-99-5912

Nonconforming Vehicles: 1991-1997

Honda VFR 750 and 1998-1999 Honda

VFR 800 Motorcycles

Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1991-1997 Honda VFR 750 and 1998-1999 Honda VFR 800 Motorcycles

Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 36791 (July 7, 1999)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-315

10. Docket No. NHTSA-99-5913

Nonconforming Vehicles: 1993 Mercedes-Benz 320CE

Substantially similar U.S.-certified

vehicles: 1993 Mercedes-Benz 320CE

Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR

36740 (July 7, 1999)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-310

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Delays in Processing of Exemption Applications

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applications delayed more than 180 days.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), RSPA is publishing the following list of exemption applications that have been in process for 180 days or more. The reason(s) for delay and the expected completion date for action on each application is provided in association with each identified application.

DATES: J. Suzanne Hedgepeth, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals, Research and Special Programs Administration,

U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

Key to "Reasons for Delay"

1. Awaiting additional information from applicant.
2. Extensive public comment under review.
3. Application is technically complex and is of significant impact or

precedent-setting and requires extensive analysis.

4. Staff review delayed by other priority issues or volume of exemption applications.

Meaning of Application Number Suffixes

N—New application.

M—Modification request.

PM—Party to application with modification request.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 10, 1999.

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals.

NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Applica- tion No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
11767-N	Ausimont USA, Inc., Thorofare, NJ	4	01/31/2000
11862-N	The BOC Group, Murray Hill, NJ	4	01/31/2000
11927-N	Alaska Marine Lines, Inc., Seattle, WA	4	01/31/2000
12106-N	Air Liquide America Corporation, Houston, TX	4	01/31/2000
12125-N	Mayo Foundation, Rochester, MN	4	01/31/2000
12126-N	LaRoche Industries, Inc., Atlanta, GA	4	01/31/2000
12138-N	Gas Supply Resources, Inc., Albany, NY	4	01/31/2000
12142-N	Aristech Chemical Corp., Pittsburgh, PA	4	01/31/2000
12146-N	Luxfer Gas Cylinders, Riverside, CA	4	01/31/2000
12148-N	Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, NY	4	01/31/2000
12156-N	Columbia Falls Aluminum Co., Columbia Falls, MT	4	01/31/2000
12158-N	Hickson Corporation, Conley, GA	4	01/31/2000
12164-N	Rhodia, Inc., Shelton, CT	4	01/31/2000
12166-N	Dow Corning Corp., Midland, MI	4	01/31/2000
12171-N	Arichell Technologies, Inc., West Newton, MA	4	01/31/2000
12181-N	Aristech, Pittsburgh, PA	4	01/31/2000
12205-N	Independent Chemical Corp., Glendale, NY	4	02/28/2000
12220-N	d/b/a Laird Farms, Waterloo, NY	4	02/28/2000
12237-N	U.S. Department of Defense, Falls Church, VA	4	02/28/2000
12247-N	Weldship Corp., Bethlehem, PA	4	02/28/2000
12248-N	Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp., High Point, NC	4	02/28/2000
12258-N	JL Shepherd & Associates, San Fernando, CA	4	02/28/2000
12269-N	Solutia, Inc., St. Louis, MO	4	02/28/2000
12277-N	The Indian Sugar & General Engineering Corp. ISGE, Haryana, IX	4	02/28/2000
12280-N	Combined Tactical Systems, Inc., Jamestown, PA	4	02/28/2000
12281-N	ABS Group, Inc., Houston, TX	4	02/28/2000
12286-N	FMC Corporation, Philadelphia, PA	4	02/28/2000
12290-N	Savage Industries, Inc., Pottstown, PA	4	03/31/2000
12293-N	Intercontinental Packaging Corp., Tuckahoe, NY	4	03/31/2000

MODIFICATIONS TO EXEMPTIONS

Applica- tion No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
6293-M ..	Dyno Nobel, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT	4	01/31/2000
6611-M ..	Gardner Cryogenics, Lehigh Valley, PA	4	01/31/2000
6765-M ..	Gardner Cryogenics, Lehigh Valley, PA	4	01/31/2000
8723-M ..	Buckley Powder Company, Englewood, CO	4	01/31/2000
9266-M ..	ERMEWA, Inc., Houston, TX	4	01/31/2000
10480-M	Gardner Cryogenics, Lehigh Valley, PA	4	01/31/2000
10656-M	Conf. of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc., Frankfort, KY	4	01/31/2000
10672-M	Burlington Packaging, Inc., Brooklyn, NY	4	01/31/2000
10821-M	BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc., Atlanta, GA	4	01/31/2000
10921-M	The Procter & Gamble Company, Cincinnati, OH	4	01/31/2000
10929-M	Consolidated Rail Corporation, Philadelphia, PA	4	01/31/2000
10962-M	International Compliance Center, Mississauga ON L4Z 1X8, CA	4	01/31/2000
10977-M	Federal Industries Corporation, Plymouth, MN	4	01/31/2000
11186-M	Cryenco, Inc., Denver, CO	4	01/31/2000
11248-M	HAZMATPAC, Houston, TX	4	01/31/2000
11327-M	Phoenix Serivves Limited Partnership, Pasadena, MD	4	02/28/2000
11380-M	Baker Atlas, Houston, TX	4	02/28/2000
11406-M	Conf. of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc., Frankfort, KY	4	02/28/2000
11458-M	Reckitt & Colman, Inc., Wayne, NJ	4	02/28/2000
11769-M	Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR	4	02/28/2000
11903-M	Comptank Corporation, Bothwell, Ontario, CA	4	02/28/2000
11942-M	Niklor Chemical Company, Long Beach, CA	4	02/28/2000
12069-M	Compagnie des Containers Reservoirs, Paris, Fr	4	02/28/2000
12074-M	Van Hool NV, B-2500 Lier Koningshooikt, BG	4	02/28/2000
12232-M	Bell Helicopter, Hurst, TX	4	02/28/2000

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33832]

Arizona & California Railroad Company Limited Partnership d/b/a Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad—Trackage Rights Exemption—The City of Tacoma d/b/a Tacoma Rail

The City of Tacoma d/b/a Tacoma Rail (TR) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Arizona & California Railroad Company Limited Partnership (ARZC) d/b/a Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad Company (PS&P) (collectively, ARZC d/b/a PS&P):¹ (1) From the Lakeside Siding near Blakeslee Junction, milepost 60.0, southwest six miles to the interchange with The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) at Chehalis, milepost 66.0 (the TR/BNSF Interchange); and (2) From the TR/BNSF Interchange one mile to milepost 67.0, where TR's rail lines connect with rail line owned by the Port of Chehalis, for a total distance of approximately 7.0 miles.²

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after the December 13, 1999, effective date of the exemption.

The trackage rights will promote operating efficiencies, such as enabling ARZC d/b/a PS&P to interchange traffic with BNSF and TR at certain locations.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

¹ ARZC is an existing Class III rail carrier, and PS&P is an operating division of ARZC. See *Arizona & California Railroad Company Limited Partnership—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33448 (STB served Sept. 11, 1999).

² ARZC d/b/a PS&P previously filed a modified rail certificate to operate over a 10-mile rail line owned by the Port of Chehalis. See *Arizona & California Railroad Company Limited Partnership d/b/a Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad—Modified Rail Certificate*, STB Finance Docket No. 33812 (STB served Oct. 27, 1999).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33832, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Rose-Michele Weinryb, Esq., Weiner, Brodsky, Sidman & Kider, P.C., Suite 800, 1350 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005-4797.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: December 10, 1999.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[REG-209823-96]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, REG-209823-96 (TD 8791), Guidance regarding Charitable Remainder Trusts and Special Valuation Rules for Transfers of Interests in Trusts.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 18, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this regulation should be directed to Faye Bruce, (202) 622-6665, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Guidance Regarding Charitable Remainder Trusts and Special Valuation Rules for Transfers of Interests in Trusts.

OMB Number: 1545-1536.

Regulation Project Number: REG-209823-96.

Abstract: This regulation provides guidance relating to charitable remainder trusts and to special valuation rules for transfers of interests in trusts. Section 1.664-1(a)(7) of the regulation provides that either an independent trustee or a qualified appraiser using a qualified appraisal must value a charitable remainder trust's assets that do not have an objective, ascertainable value.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 75.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.