

proceeding. The original and two copies of the protest shall be filed with the Associate Administrator for Safety, FRA, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Mail Stop 25, Washington, D.C. 20590 within 45 calendar days of the date of publication of this notice. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without an oral hearing. However, if a specific request for an oral hearing is accompanied by a showing that the party is unable to adequately present his or her position by written statements, an application may be set for public hearing.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on December 10, 1997.

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

*Deputy Associate Administrator,
for Safety Standards and
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket Nos. 97-060; Notice 2; 97-061; Notice 2; 97-064; Notice 2; 97-065; Notice 2; 97-068; Notice 2; 97-069; Notice 2; NHTSA-97-3021]

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 notice 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 the date of their publication in the **Federal Register**.

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 19, 1997.

Marilynne Jacobs,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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

1. Docket No. 97-060
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1991-1996
Lexus SC300 and SC400
Substantially similar U.S.-certified
vehicles: 1991-1996 Lexus SC300
and SC400
Notice of Petition published at: 62 FR
48709 (September 16, 1997)
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-225
2. Docket No. 97-061
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1979 Jeep
CJ-7
Substantially similar U.S.-certified
vehicles: 1979 Jeep CJ7
Notice of Petition published at: 62 FR
48711 (September 16, 1997)
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-224
3. Docket No. 97-064
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1990-1993
BMW K1 Motorcycles
Substantially similar U.S.-certified
vehicles: 1990-1993 BMW K1
Motorcycles
Notice of Petition published at: 62 FR
51177 (September 30, 1997)
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-228
4. Docket No. 97-065
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1986-1997
Suzuki GSXR 1100 Motorcycles
Substantially similar U.S.-certified
vehicles: 1986-1997 Suzuki GSXR
1100 Motorcycles
Notice of Petition published at: 62 FR
51178 (September 30, 1997)
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-227
5. Docket No. 97-068
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1990-1991
Mercedes Benz 420 SE
Substantially similar U.S.-certified
vehicles: 1990-1991 Mercedes Benz
420 SEL
Notice of Petition published at: 62 FR
53047 (October 10, 1997)
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-230
6. Docket No. 97-069
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1987-1995
BMW K75S Motorcycles
Substantially similar U.S.-certified
vehicles: 1987-1995 BMW K75S

Motorcycles
 Notice of Petition published at: 62 FR
 53048 (October 10, 1997)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-229
 7. Docket No. NHTSA 3021
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1994-1997
 BMW R1100 Motorcycles
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified
 vehicles: 1994-1997 BMW R1100
 Motorcycles
 Notice of Petition published at: 62 FR
 54896 (October 22, 1997)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-231
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Financial Management Service; Proposed Collection of Information: Authorization Agreement for Preauthorized Payment

AGENCY: Financial Management Service,
 Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for
 comments.

SUMMARY: The Financial Management
 Service, 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 a
 continuing information collection. By
 this notice, the Financial Management
 Service solicits comments concerning
 the form "Authorization Agreement for
 Preauthorized Payment."

DATES: Written comments should be
 received on or before February 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments
 to Financial Management Service, 3361-
 L 75th Avenue, Landover, Maryland
 20785.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Requests for additional information or
 copies of the form(s) and instructions
 should be directed to the Cash
 Management Directorate, 401-14th
 Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20227,
 (202) 874-6540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant
 to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995
 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Financial
 Management Service solicits comments
 on the collection of information
 described below.

Title: Authorization Agreement for
 Preauthorized Payment.

OMB Number: 1510-0059.

Form Number: SF 5510.

Abstract: This form is used to collect
 information from remitters (individuals
 and corporations) to authorize

electronic fund transfers from accounts
 maintained at financial institutions to
 collect monies for government agencies.

Current Actions: Extension of
 currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Businesses or other
 for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
 100,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15
 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden
 Hours:* 25,000.

Comments: Comments submitted in
 response to this notice will be
 summarized and/or included in the
 request for Office of Management and
 Budget 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.

Dated: December 17, 1997.

Mitchell A. Devine,

Assistant Commissioner.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Exchange Visitor Program; Skills List

AGENCY: United States Information
 Agency.

ACTION: Amendment to delete the Czech
 Republic from the Exchange Visitor
 Skills List. Retroactive release from
 Skills List obligation for all countries
 without skills lists.

SUMMARY: The Exchange Visitor Skills
 List is amended by deleting the fields of
 specialization for the Czech Republic at
 the request of the Government of the
 Czech Republic. Also, in the case of all
 governments which have requested
 removal from the skills list, their
 citizens are retroactively no longer
 required, on the basis of the skills list,

to comply with the two-year home
 residence requirement of 212(e) of the
 Immigration and Nationality Act.

DATES: This amendment shall become
 effective upon publication in the
Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for
 further information should be addressed
 to: Patricia B. Gribben, Chief, Waiver
 Review Branch, Exchange Visitor
 Program Services, USIA, 301 Fourth
 Street, SW, Suite 700, Washington, DC
 20547, telephone (202) 401-9800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant
 to the provisions of section 212(e) of the
 Immigration and Nationality Act, as
 amended (8 U.S.C. 1182(E)), The
 Secretary of State designated on April
 25, 1972, a list of fields of specialized
 knowledge or skill (referred to as the
 Exchange Visitor Skills List) and those
 countries which clearly required the
 services of persons engaged in one or
 more of such fields. Any alien who was
 a national or resident of one of those
 countries and obtained an exchange
 visitor visa and/or became a participant
 in an Exchange Visitor Program
 involving a designated field of
 specialized knowledge or skill after the
 effective date of that notice was subject
 to the two-year home country physical
 presence requirement of section 212(e)
 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
 and 22 CFR 41.65(b).

Pursuant to the provisions of
 Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1977,
 section 217 of the United States
 Information Agency Authorization Act
 of August 24, 1982 (Pub. L. 97-241) and
 Executive Order Nos. 12048 (March 27,
 1978) and 12388 (October 14, 1982) the
 Director, United States Information
 Agency, on June 12, 1984 further
 amended the 1972 Exchange Visitor
 Skills list, as revised in 1978, to increase
 the designated fields of specialized
 knowledge of skills. The 1984
 amendment gave notice of the addition
 of China and the deletion of Cambodia,
 Iran and Viet-Nam from the skills list as
 well as the indefinite suspension of
 Afghanistan. In September, 1986 an
 amendment reflected the deletion of
 South Africa, addition of Iraq and
 changes in Group 4 for the People's
 Republic of China. It also clarifies that
 the skills list for the People's Republic
 of China is not applicable to exchange
 visitors from Taiwan. A February 1987
 amendment gave notice of the indefinite
 suspension of Libya and the addition of
 two fields to Group (1) of the skills list
 for the People's Republic of China.
 Amendments in March and April, 1987,
 contained date corrections. An
 amendment in December, 1988 added
 additional fields to the skills list for the