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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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2000-7436]

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 22, 2000.

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.

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

1. Docket No. NHTSA-99-6353
Nonconforming Vehicle: 1992-1999 Honda Accord
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicle: 1992-1999 Honda Accord
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 56833 (October 21, 1999)
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-319
2. Docket No. NHTSA-99-6352
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1987-1995 Nissan Pathfinder
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1987-1995 Nissan Pathfinder
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 56832 (October 21, 1999)
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-316
3. Docket No. NHTSA-99-6039
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1994-1999 Mercedes-Benz C Class
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1994-1999 Mercedes-Benz C Class
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 42758 (August 5, 1999)
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-331
4. Docket No. NHTSA-99-6038
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1998-1999 Audi A6
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1998-1999 Audi A6
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 42756 (August 5, 1999)
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-332
5. Docket No. NHTSA-99-6351
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1994-1999 Mercedes-Benz E320 Station Wagons
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1994-1999 Mercedes-Benz E320 Station Wagons
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 56569 (October 20, 1999)
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-318
6. Docket No. NHTSA-99-6062
Nonconforming Vehicle: 1996 Toyota RAV4
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicle: 1996 Toyota RAV4
Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 43812 (August 11, 1999)
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-328
7. Docket No. NHTSA-99-6081
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1999-2000 Ferrari Modena 360

Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1999–2000 Ferrari Modena 360
 Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 44262 (August 13, 1999)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–327

8. Docket No. NHTSA–99–6350
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1978–1980 Toyota Land Cruiser
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1978–1980 Toyota Land Cruiser
 Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 56564 (October 20, 1999)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–320

9. Docket No. NHTSA–99–6340
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1991–1992 Toyota Previa
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1991–1992 Toyota Previa
 Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 56380 (October 19, 1999)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–326

10. Docket No. NHTSA–99–6339
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1990–1992 Audi 100
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1990–1992 Audi 100
 Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 56381 (October 19, 1999)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–317

11. Docket No. NHTSA–99–6384
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1994 Eagle Vision
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1994 Eagle Vision
 Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 58126 (October 28, 1999)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–323

12. Docket No. NHTSA–99–6349
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1993–1996 Mercedes-Benz SL Series
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1993–1996 Mercedes-Benz SL Series
 Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 56568 (October 20, 1999)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–329

13. Docket No. NHTSA–99–6348
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1998–1999 Mercedes-Benz S Class
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1998–1999 Mercedes-Benz S Class
 Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 56566 (October 20, 1999)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–325

14. Docket No. NHTSA–99–6601
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1990–1991 Toyota MR2
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1990–1991 Toyota MR2

Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 69585 (December 13, 1999)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–324

15. Docket No. NHTSA–99–6347
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 2000 Harley Davidson FX, FL, and XL motorcycles
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 2000 Harley Davidson FX, FL, and XL motorcycles
 Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 56566 (October 20, 1999)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–321

16. Docket No. NHTSA–99–6383
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1998 Jaguar XK–8
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1998 Jaguar XK–8
 Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 58125 (October 28, 1999)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–330

17. Docket No. NHTSA–99–6524
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1996 Ford Escort (Nicaragua)
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1996 Ford Escort
 Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 67601 (December 2, 1999)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–322

18. Docket No. NHTSA–99–6668
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1991 Mercedes-Benz 560SEC
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1991 Mercedes-Benz 560SEC
 Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 73118 (December 29, 1999)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–333

19. Docket No. NHTSA–99–6525
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1994 Saab 9000
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1994 Saab 9000
 Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 69069 (December 9, 1999)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–334

20. Docket No. NHTSA–99–6526
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1998–2000 Volvo S70
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1998–2000 Volvo S70
 Notice of Petition published at: 64 FR 67600 (December 2, 1999)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–335

21. Docket No. NHTSA–99–6820
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1997–2000 Audi A8
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1997–2000 Audi A8
 Notice of Petition published at: 65 FR 5019 (February 2, 2000)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–337

22. Docket No. NHTSA–2000–6941
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1998 Jeep Wrangler

Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1998 Jeep Wrangler
 Notice of Petition published at: 65 FR 8759 (February 22, 2000)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–341

23. Docket No. NHTSA–2000–7002
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1976–1985 Rolls Royce Corniche
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1976–1985 Rolls Royce Corniche
 Notice of Petition published at: 65 FR 19040 (April 10, 2000)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–339

24. Docket No. NHTSA–2000–7112
 Nonconforming Vehicles: 1987–1989 Bentley
 Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1987–1989 Bentley
 Notice of Petition published at: 65 FR 19428 (April 11, 2000)
 Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP–340

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33882]

Kasgro Rail Corp.—Lease and Operation Exemption—EASX Corporation and Rail Services Corporation

Kasgro Rail Corp., a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from EASX Corporation and Rail Services Corporation and operate (through its Kasgro Rail Lines Division) two branches of rail line totaling approximately 3.5 miles in length in New Castle, Lawrence County, PA. The lines are as follows: (1) the “New Castle Branch” which begins at New Castle Branch Monumented Base Line (MBL), at Survey Station 10+00, opposite the former Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad’s (P&LE) Main Line MBL Survey Station 2580+10, and extends in a generally northeasterly direction to the former P&LE Valuation Station 146+10; and (2)(a) the “Big Run Branch” which begins at P&LE New Castle Branch Baseline of Survey, at Survey Station 84+44, and extends in a generally southwesterly direction to the connection with trackage of CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), and (b) approximately 0.7 miles of rail line known as the “Sample Spur,” which begins at Valuation Station 2+00 off of CSXT’s main line between Cumberland, MD, and Willard, OH, and continues in a generally northwardly direction to