

Failure of the bridge under load could have had very serious consequences. The bridge failure could have caused a train to fall into Johnson Creek, killing or injuring any railroad crew members operating rolling stock, killing or injuring any innocent bystanders using Johnson Creek or its banks, and possibly blocking the creek resulting in widespread flooding in the immediate area. Locomotive diesel fuel and/or fuel and contents of a mechanical refrigerator car could have caused severe environmental damage to Johnson Creek and the nearby Willamette River.

FRA therefore concluded that any railroad use of the Johnson Creek Bridge on the Oregon Pacific Railroad posed an imminent and unacceptable threat to public and employee safety involving a hazard of death or injury to persons. On December 16, 1999, the Federal Railroad Administrator issued Emergency Order No. 22 which prohibited all operations of trains and other railroad on-track equipment on the Johnson Creek Bridge until repairs were made and certified as sufficient by a licensed bridge engineer and approved by FRA.

Following the issuance of Emergency Order No. 22, the Oregon Pacific Railroad made repairs to the Johnson Creek Bridge under the guidance of a professional engineer licensed to practice in the State of Oregon. On January 17, 2000, FRA's professional bridge engineer inspected the Johnson Creek Bridge and found that the repairs made to the bridge since the issuance of Emergency Order No. 22 are sufficient to restore immediate safety to the bridge structure.

The termination of Emergency Order No. 22 does not indicate that FRA has made any determination regarding the capacity of the bridge in addition to the work performed by the professional engineer guiding the repairs on behalf of the Oregon Pacific Railroad. Relief from Emergency Order No. 22 simply means that FRA finds that the bridge no longer presents an imminent hazard of death or injury to persons. The Oregon Pacific Railroad continues to be fully responsible for the structural integrity and safe operation of the Johnson Creek Bridge. FRA strongly recommends that the Oregon Pacific Railroad follow a regular program of inspection and maintenance of all railroad bridges owned and operated by the railroad.

#### Relief

In light of the foregoing, I grant the Oregon Pacific Railroad relief from Emergency Order No. 22. The railroad may immediately recommence operation of trains and other railroad

on-track equipment on the Johnson Creek Bridge in the City of Milwaukie, Oregon. The issuance of this Notice does not preclude imposition of another emergency order governing the condition of the bridge should that condition again deteriorate to the extent that I believe it poses an imminent and unacceptable threat to public safety.

Issued in Washington on January 20, 2000.

**Jolene M. Molitoris,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2000-6820]

#### Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 1997-2000 Audi A8 Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1997-2000 Audi A8 passenger cars are eligible for importation.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 1997-2000 Audi A8 passenger cars that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because (1) they are substantially similar to vehicles that were originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and that were certified by their manufacturer as complying with the safety standards, and (2) they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

**DATES:** The closing date for comments on the petition is March 3, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to the docket number and notice number, and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 9 am to 5 pm].

**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**.

Champagne Imports of Lansdale, Pennsylvania ("Champagne") (Registered Importer 90-009) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether 1997-2000 Audi A8 passenger cars are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicles which Champagne believes are substantially similar are 1997-2000 Audi A8 passenger cars that were manufactured for importation into, and sale in, the United States and certified by their manufacturer as conforming to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The petitioner claims that it carefully compared non-U.S. certified 1997-2000 Audi A8 passenger cars to their U.S.-certified counterparts, and found the vehicles to be substantially similar with respect to compliance with most Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Champagne submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that non-U.S. certified 1997-2000 Audi A8 passenger cars, as originally manufactured, conform to many Federal motor vehicle safety standards in the same manner as their U.S. certified counterparts, or are capable of being readily altered to conform to those standards.

Specifically, the petitioner claims that non-U.S. certified 1997-2000 Audi A8 passenger cars are identical to their U.S. certified counterparts with respect to

compliance with Standard Nos. 102 *Transmission Shift Lever Sequence*, 103 *Defrosting and Defogging Systems*, 104 *Windshield Wiping and Washing Systems*, 105 *Hydraulic Brake Systems*, 106 *Brake Hoses*, 109 *New Pneumatic Tires*, 113 *Hood Latch Systems*, 116 *Brake Fluid*, 124 *Accelerator Control Systems*, 201 *Occupant Protection in Interior Impact*, 202 *Head Restraints*, 204 *Steering Control Rearward Displacement*, 205 *Glazing Materials*, 206 *Door Locks and Door Retention Components*, 207 *Seating Systems*, 209 *Seat Belt Assemblies*, 210 *Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages*, 212 *Windshield Retention*, 216 *Roof Crush Resistance*, 219 *Windshield Zone Intrusion*, and 302 *Flammability of Interior Materials*.

Petitioner states that the vehicles also comply with the Bumper Standard found at 49 CFR Part 581.

Petitioner also contends that the vehicles are capable of being readily altered to meet the following standards, in the manner indicated:

Standard No. 101 *Controls and Displays*: (a) substitution of a lens marked "Brake" for a lens with a noncomplying symbol on the brake failure indicator lamp; (b) installation of a seat belt warning lamp that displays the appropriate symbol; (c) recalibration of the speedometer/odometer to show distance in miles and speed in miles per hour.

Standard No. 108 *Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment*: (a) installation of U.S.-model headlamp assemblies; (b) installation of U.S.-model front and rear sidemarker/reflector assemblies; (c) installation of U.S.-model taillamp assemblies; (d) installation of a high mounted stop lamp if the vehicle is not already so equipped.

Standard No. 110 *Tire Selection and Rims*: installation of a tire information placard.

Standard No. 111 *Rearview Mirror*: replacement of the passenger side rearview mirror with a U.S.-model component.

Standard No. 114 *Theft Protection*: installation of a warning buzzer and a warning buzzer microswitch in the steering lock assembly.

Standard No. 118 *Power Window Systems*: rewiring of the power window system so that the window transport is inoperative when the ignition is switched off.

Standard No. 208 *Occupant Crash Protection*:

(a) installation of a U.S.-model seat belt in the driver's position, or a belt webbing actuated microswitch inside the driver's seat belt retractor; (b) installation of an ignition switch

actuated seat belt warning lamp and buzzer; (c) replacement of the driver's and passenger's side air bags and knee bolsters with U.S.-model components on vehicles that are not already so equipped. The petitioner states that the vehicles are equipped with combination lap and shoulder belts that adjust by means of an automatic retractor and release by means of a single push button at the front outboard seating positions, with combination lap and shoulder restraints that release by means of a single push button at the rear outboard seating positions, and with a lap belt in the rear center designated seating position.

Standard No. 214 *Side Impact Protection*: installation of reinforcing door beams.

Standard No. 301 *Fuel System Integrity*: installation of a rollover valve in the fuel tank vent line.

The petitioner also states that a vehicle identification plate must be affixed to the vehicle to meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 565.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments on the petition described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 9 am to 5 pm]. It is requested but not required that 10 copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be considered, and will be available for examination in the docket at the above address both before and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

**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: January 28, 2000.

**Marilynne Jacobs,**

*Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Quarterly Publication of Individuals, Who Have Chosen To Expatriate, as Required by Section 6039G

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is provided in accordance with IRC section 6039G, as amended, by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) of 1996. This listing contains the name of each individual losing United States citizenship (within the meaning of section 877(a)) with respect to whom the Secretary received information during the quarter ending December 31, 1999.

ARMAJANI, JANET NURENE  
ARPELS, MARIE THERESE, LOUISE  
BELSER, LAWRENCE WALTER  
BELSER, MARY JEAN  
BERNARD, MARY CLAUDE  
BOROSHOK, IRINA  
BOROSHOK, ALEX  
BOWLES-O'CONNELL DE GASPE  
BEAUBIEN, NAN  
BROWN, RICHARD N.  
BUMSTEAD, ERIC L.  
CASTRO, YVONNE MARIE  
CHEUNG, YUN KUL  
DE BUEIL, MARIE LAURE-SYBIL-MICHELE  
DE SPOELBERCH, ERIC JACQUES  
DE YOUNG, NINA  
DOYLE, WILLIAM HENRY  
FAULKNER, SHERYL ANN  
FELSTINER, BARBARA JANE  
FLEISCHAUER, MARTHA  
FONG, DAVID MAN-HUNG  
FRANKLIN, JOHN JOSEPH  
FRANS, SUSAN ELLEN  
FRIVALDO, JUAN GALLANOSA  
FUSS, ALBERT  
GAUM, KURT RUDOLF  
GAUM-LANGEMANN, ROSA  
GROSKING, Yael REBECCA  
HAUGHEY, STEPHEN EDWARD  
HULTGREN, RICHARD WESLEY  
JEFFERIS, JENNIFER  
JEFFERIS, JOHN  
JENSEN, ALAN DALE  
JEONG LEE, JAMES JAE  
JOSPE, ROGER  
JOSPE, CECIL  
KALMAR, ERIK LESLIE  
KIM, GRACE YOUNG  
KIM, SUNG HEE  
LABINE, GILE EMMANUEL  
LEE, HYU SOP  
LEE, CHONG REA  
LIEM, JACQUELINE MICHELLE  
LIVINGSTON JR., EDMUND PENDLETON  
LOUDERMILK, JAN ERNEST  
LUNT, MICHAEL CHARLES  
MINOR, AIKO ISHII  
MIYAMOTO, SHINGO  
MOLLER, MAREN  
MOSS, VERONICA INEZ  
NOBLE, BUTLER  
PARK, THOMAS  
PARK, JONGSOO  
PAYNE, ERIC FRANCIS  
POSS, CHRISTINE CHERYL  
RICHTER, SHERYL NANCY  
RUTHLEDGE, KI SON CHO  
SAGIE, ISAAC  
SANDERS-GUNN, KATHERLEEN  
SHAVER, HELEN  
SHEPARD, CHIN HUI  
SHERMAN, JOAN ELLEN