

and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filings will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchanges. All submissions should refer to File Nos. SR-Amex-97-24; SR-CBOE-97-31; SR-PCX-97-30; and SR-Phlx-97-33 and should be submitted by August 18, 1997.

V. Conclusion

It is Therefore Ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,²⁶ that the pilot program proposed by the Exchanges (File Nos. SR-Amex-97-24; SR-CBOE-97-31; SR-PCX-97-30; and SR-Phlx-97-33), as amended, is approved through July 17, 1998, on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁷

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Safety Performance Standards and Research and Development Programs Meetings

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

ACTION: Notice of NHTSA industry meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will answer questions from the public and the automobile industry regarding the agency's vehicle regulatory program. In addition, NHTSA will hold a separate public meeting to describe and discuss specific research and development projects.

DATES: The Agency's regular, quarterly public meeting relating to its vehicle regulatory program will be held on September 18, 1997, beginning at 9:45 a.m. and ending at approximately 12:30 p.m. Questions relating to the vehicle regulatory program must be submitted in writing by August 25, 1997, to the address shown below. If sufficient time

is available, questions received after August 25 may be answered at the meeting. The individual, group or company submitting a question(s) does not have to be present for the question(s) to be answered. A consolidated list of the questions submitted by August 25, 1997, and the issues to be discussed, will be transmitted to interested persons by September 15, 1997, and will be available at the meeting. Also, the agency will hold a second public meeting September 17, devoted exclusively to a presentation of research and development programs. The meeting is described more fully in a separate announcement. The next NHTSA vehicle regulatory program meeting will take place on December 17, 1997 at the Clarion Inn Hotel, 9191 Wickham Road, in Romulus, MI.

ADDRESSES: Questions for the September 18, NHTSA Technical Industry Meeting, relating to the agency's vehicle regulatory program, should be submitted to Delia Gage, NPS-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, Fax Number 202-366-4329. The meeting will be held at the Tysons Westpark Hotel, 8401 Westpark Drive, in McLean, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delia Gage, (202) 366-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NHTSA holds this regular, quarterly meeting to answer questions from the public and the regulated industries regarding the agency's vehicle regulatory program. Questions on aspects of the agency's research and development activities that relate directly to ongoing regulatory actions should be submitted, as in the past, to the agency's Safety Performance Standards Office. The purpose of this meeting is to focus on those phases of NHTSA activities which are technical, interpretative or procedural in nature. Transcripts of these meetings will be available for public inspection in the NHTSA Technical Reference Section in Washington, DC, within four weeks after the meeting. Copies of the transcript will then be available at ten cents a page, (length has varied from 100 to 150 pages) upon request to NHTSA Technical Reference Section, Room 5108, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The Technical Reference Section is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We would appreciate the questions you send us to be organized by categories to help us to process the questions into agenda form more efficiently. Sample format as follows:

- I. Rulemaking
 - A. Crash avoidance
 - B. Crashworthiness
 - C. Other Rulemakings
- II. Consumer Information
- III. Miscellaneous

NHTSA will provide auxiliary aids to participants as necessary. Any person desiring assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-language interpreter, telecommunications devices for deaf persons (TDDs), readers, taped texts, brailled materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Delia Gage on (202) 366-1810, by COB August 25, 1997.

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L. Robert Shelton,

Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket Nos. 97-022; Notice 2, 97-023; Notice 2, 97-032; Notice 2, 97-034; Notice 2]

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

²⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

²⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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, NHTS 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: July 22, 1997.

Marilynne Jacobs, Director,
Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

Annex A

Nonconforming Motor Vehicles Decided To Be Eligible for Importation

1. Docket No. 97-022

Nonconforming Vehicle: 1994 Mercedes-Benz S600L

Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicle: 1994 Mercedes-Benz S600

Notice of Petition published at: 62 FR 19649 (April 22, 1997)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-214

2. Docket No. 97-023

Nonconforming Vehicles: 1995 Saab 900 SE

Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1995 Saab 900 SE

Notice of Petition published at: 62 FR 19166 (April 18, 1997)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-213

3. Docket No. 97-032

Nonconforming Vehicle: 1989 Chrysler Shadow (Middle Eastern Market)

Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicle: 1989 Dodge Shadow

Notice of Petition published at: 62 FR 28753 (May 27, 1997)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-216

4. Docket No. 97-034

Nonconforming Vehicle: 1988 Jaguar XJ6 Sovereign

Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicle: 1988 Jaguar XJ6 Sovereign

Notice of Petition published at: 62 FR 28530 (May 23, 1997)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-215

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. 97-025; Notice 2]

Decision that Certain Nonconforming 1993 Land Rover Defender 110 Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicles are Eligible for Importation

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

ACTION: Notice of decision by NHTSA that certain nonconforming 1993 Land Rover Defender 110 multi-purpose passenger vehicles (MPVs) are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the decision by NHTSA that 1993 Land Rover Defender 110 MPVs that were 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 a vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and certified by its manufacturer as complying with the safety standards (the U.S.-certified version of the 1993 Land Rover Defender 110), and they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

DATES: This decision is effective as of the date of its 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**.

Wallace Environmental Testing laboratories, Inc. Of Houston, Texas ("Wallace") (Registered Importer No. R-90-005) petitioned NHTSA to decide whether 1993 Land Rover Defender 110 MPVs are eligible for importation into the United States. NHTSA published notice of the petition on April 18, 1997 (62 FR 19167) to afford an opportunity for public comment. As stated in the