

(3) The projected benefits to nonriders, such as congestion relief on other modes of transportation servicing the corridor (including congestion in heavily traveled air passenger corridors);

(4) The amount of State and local financial support that can reasonably be anticipated for the improvement of the line and related facilities; and

(5) The cooperation of the owner of the right-of-way that can reasonably be expected in the operation of the high-speed rail passenger service in the corridor.

Applications from States for designation of high-speed rail corridors shall include all information which is required for the Secretary to make a determination with reference to the statutory considerations for corridor selection. Applications shall also include information demonstrating compliance with the speed requirement set forth above.

#### **Applications for FY 1999 Funding Under the Section 104(d)(2) Program**

**Eligible Applicants.** Only State governments housing a designated high-speed rail corridor are eligible to file applications for FY 1999 funding. Applications must be received by the FRA by March 11, 1999 with respect to the eight designated corridors identified in this notice, or within two months following the date of publication of the designation in the **Federal Register**.

**Eligible Crossings.** All highway/rail grade crossings, whether public or private, on designated high-speed corridors are eligible for funding.

**Eligible Improvements and Allowable Costs.** Work eligible for funding includes any of the following to reduce the hazards of highway-rail grade crossings in the designated corridors: (1) Installation or improvement of warning devices; (2) improvement of track circuitry which activates warning devices; (3) other crossing improvements, such as improved crossing surfaces, improved sight distances, and crossing illumination; (4) closure of crossings with or without attendant highway relocations; (5) grade separation construction or reconstruction; (6) combining crossing warning systems with advanced train control and/or intelligent highway traffic control systems; (7) conducting analyses to identify specific rail routes, inventorying grade crossings, and developing crossing improvement plans; (8) project development and engineering; (9) evaluating the safety effects, benefits, and costs of activities funded under this program; and (10) any combination of the above.

**Matching.** The Federal share of the costs of improvements funded under section 104(d)(2) may be up to 100 percent of the costs of engineering and construction. However, in allocating funds, consideration will be given to the extent to which other funds are being committed to corridor improvements in conjunction with the section 104(d)(2) funds.

**Contents of applications.** Applications for FY 1999 funding shall contain all the following items:

(1) *Identifying Data.*

(a) The name of the corridor for which funding is sought.

(b) The name, address, responsible party, telephone, fax number, and e-mail address of the State agency submitting the application.

(c) The railroad route and relevant milepost locations on which the crossings to be improved or eliminated are located.

(2) *Work Description.* A description of the proposed work, and related information, in sufficient detail to provide the staff of the FRA, working with the FHWA, with a basis for approving an allocation of Section 104(d)(2) Program funding.

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 U.S.C. 20103; section 1103(c), Pub. L. 105-178, 112 Stat. 107, 122 (1998).)

Issued in Washington, DC on December 3, 1998.

**Jolene M. Molitoris,**  
*Federal Railroad Administrator.*

**Anthony R. Kane,**  
*Executive Director, Federal Highway Administration.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[Docket No. NHTSA-98-4861]

#### **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.

**DATE:** These decisions are effective as of December 11, 1998.

**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 7, 1998.

**Marilynne Jacobs,**

*Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.*

#### Annex A—Nonconforming Motor Vehicles Decided To be Eligible for Importation

1. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4073  
Nonconforming Vehicle: 1995-1996 Ford Bronco manufactured for sale in Venezuela  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicle: 1995-1996 Ford Bronco  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 38876 (July 20, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-265
2. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4078  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1996-1999 Magni Australia, Magni Sfida, and Moto Guzzi Daytona RS  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1996-1999 Moto Guzzi Daytona RS  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 39359 (July 22, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-264
3. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4080  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1976 Triumph Bonneville  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1976 Triumph Bonneville  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 41617 (August 4, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-263
4. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4103  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1994-1997 Mercedes-Benz S420  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1994-1997 Mercedes-Benz S420  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 42658 (August 10, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-267

5. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4104  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1992-1995 Hyundai Elantra  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1992-1995 Hyundai Elantra  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 42659 (August 10, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-269
6. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4165  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1991-1998 Ford Explorer manufactured for sale in Venezuela  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1991-1998 Ford Explorer  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 42096 (August 6, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-268
7. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4166  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1991-1996 Porsche 928  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1991-1996 Porsche 928  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 42097 (August 6, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-266
8. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4335  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1993 Chrysler Town and Country  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1993 Chrysler Town and Country  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 45107 (August 24, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-273
9. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4336  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1993-1998 Porsche 928  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1993-1998 Porsche 928  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 45281 (August 25, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-272
10. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4381  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1993-1998 Mercedes-Benz 600 SEL  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1993-1998 Mercedes-Benz 600 SEL  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 46825 (September 2, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-271
11. Docket No. NHTSA-98-4546  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1986-1998 Suzuki GSXR 750  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1986-1998 Suzuki GSXR 750  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 56063 (October 20, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-275

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-98-4863]

#### Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision that Nonconforming 1995-1998 Volvo 850 Turbo Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1995-1998 Volvo 850 Turbo passenger cars are eligible for importation.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 1995-1998 Volvo 850 Turbo 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 January 11, 1999.

**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