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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2002-11780]

#### Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 2001 and 2002 Vespa ET2 and ET4 Motor Scooters Are Eligible for Importation

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 2001 and 2002 Vespa ET2 and ET4 motor scooters are eligible for importation.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 2001 and 2002 Vespa ET2 and ET4 motor scooters 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 April 25, 2002.

**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**.

Automobile Concepts, Inc. of North Miami, Florida ("ACI") (Registered Importer 01-278) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether non-U.S. certified 2001 and 2002 Vespa ET2 and ET4 motor scooters are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicles, which ACI believes are substantially similar, are 2001 and 2002 Vespa ET2 and ET4 motor scooters that were manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and certified by their manufacturer, Piaggio & Co. SpA. as conforming to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The petitioner claims that it carefully compared non-U.S. certified 2001 and 2002 Vespa ET2 and ET4 motor scooters 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.

ACI submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that non-U.S. certified 2001 and 2002 Vespa ET2 and ET4 motor scooters, 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 2001 and 2002 Vespa ET2 and ET4 motor scooters are identical to their U.S. certified counterparts with respect to compliance with Standard Nos. 106 *Brake Hoses*, 116 *Brake Fluid*, 119 *New Pneumatic Tires for Vehicles other than Passenger Cars*, 122 *Motorcycle Brake Systems*, and 205 *Glazing Materials*.

The petitioner also states that the original manufacturer has stamped into the frame of each non-U.S. certified 2001 and 2002 Vespa ET2 and ET4 motor scooters a unique 17-digit vehicle identification number (VIN) that meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 565.

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

**Standard No. 108 Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment:** (a) Replacement of all bulbs, including headlamp, stop lamp, and directional signals, with U.S.-certified components; (b) replacement of the stop lamp lens with a U.S.-certified component; (c) installation of U.S.-certified front amber reflectors; (d) installation of a U.S.-certified rear reflector; (e) installation of U.S.-certified rear red reflector.

**Standard No. 111 Rearview Mirrors:** Inscription of the required warning statement on the rearview mirrors, or replacement of those mirrors with U.S.-model components.

**Standard No. 120 Tire Selection and Rims for Vehicles other than Passenger Cars:** Installation of a tire information label that displays the recommended tire size, rim size, and cold inflation pressure. The petitioner states that the vehicles are equipped from the factory with rims that are marked in accordance with the standard, identical to those on their U.S.-certified counterparts.

**Standard No. 123 Motorcycle Controls and Displays:** (a) Installation of a U.S. model speedometer calibrated in miles per hour and a U.S. model odometer that measures distance traveled in miles; (b) installation of a supplemental engine stop control on the right side of the handlebar, identified as "engine stop," with "off" and "run" positions.

The petitioner states that when the vehicle has been brought into conformity with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards, a certification label that meets the requirements of 49 CFR part 567 will be affixed to the frame of the motor scooter.

Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. 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.

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information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 25, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

**Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

*OMB Number:* 1545-0146.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 2553.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Election by a Small Business Corporation.

*Description:* Form 2553 is filed by a qualifying corporation to elect to be an S corporation as defined in Code section 1361. The information obtained is necessary to determine if the election should be accepted by the IRS. When the election is accepted, the qualifying corporation is classified as an S corporation and the corporation's income is taxed to the shareholders of the corporation.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, farms.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 500,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:*

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

March 20, 2002.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public

Recordkeeping .....	8 hr., 51 min.
Learning about the law or the form .....	3 hr., 10 min.
Preparing, copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS .....	3 hr., 27 min.

*Frequency of Response:* Other (once).  
*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 7,745,000 hours.  
*OMB Number:* 1545-0819.  
*Regulation Project Number:* 26 CFR 601.201.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Instructions for Requesting Rulings and Determination Letters.

*Description:* The National Office issues ruling letters and District Directors issue determination letters to taxpayers interpreting and applying the tax laws to a specific set of facts. The National Office also issues other types of letters. The procedural regulations set forth the instructions for requesting ruling and determination letters.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, farms, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 271,914.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 55 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 248,496 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0988.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 8609 and Schedule A.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Low-Income Housing Credit Allocation Certification (8609); and Annual Statement (Schedule A).

*Description:* Owners of residential low-income rental buildings may claim a low-income housing credit for each qualified building over a 10-year credit period. Form 8609 is used to get a credit allocation from the housing-credit agency. The form, along with Schedule A, is used by the owner to certify necessary information required by the law.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, individuals or households, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 120,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:*

Form	Recordkeeping	Learning about the law or the form	Preparing and sending the form to the IRS
Form 8609 .....	8 hr., 51 min. ....	3 hr., 4 min .....	3 hr., 21 min.
Schedule A (8609) .....	6 hr., 41 min. ....	1 hr., 12 min .....	1 hr. 20 min.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.  
*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 2,770,200 hours.  
*Clearance Officer:* Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7860.

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