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into the United States, but which engines, at the time of importation or being offered for importation are not covered by certificates of conformity issued under section 213 and section 206(a) of the Clean Air Act as amended (that is, which are nonconforming marine engines as defined in §91.702), and this part. Compliance with regulations under this subpart does not relieve any person or entity from compliance with other applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act.

(b) Regulations prescribing further procedures for the importation of marine SI engines and marine vessels or equipment into the customs territory of the United States, as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1202, are set forth in U.S. Customs Service regulations.

§91.702 Definitions.

The definitions in subpart A of this part apply to this subpart. The following definitions also apply to this subpart.

Certificate of conformity. The document issued by the Administrator under section 213 and section 206(a) of the Act.

Nonconforming marine engine. A marine SI engine which is not covered by a certificate of conformity prior to importation or being offered for importation (or for which such coverage has not been adequately demonstrated to EPA). Also, a marine SI engine which was originally covered by a certificate of conformity, but subsequently altered or modified such that it is no longer in a certified configuration.

Original engine manufacturer (OEM). The entity which originally manufactured the marine engine.

United States. United States includes the customs territory of the United States as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1202, and the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

§91.703 Admission.

(a) A nonconforming marine SI engine offered for importation may only be imported into the United States under §91.704, provided that an exemption or exclusion is granted by the Administrator. Final admission shall not

be granted unless the marine SI engine is exempted or excluded under §91.704.

(b) In order to obtain admission the importer must submit to the Administrator a written request for approval containing the following:

(1) Identification of the importer of the marine SI engine and the importer's address, telephone number, and taxpayer identification number;

(2) Identification of the marine SI engine owner, the owner's address, telephone number, and taxpayer identification number;

(3) Identification of the marine SI engine including make, model, identification number, and original production year;

(4) Information indicating under what provision of these regulations the marine SI engine is to be imported;

(5) Identification of the place(s) where the subject marine SI engine is to be stored;

(6) Authorization for EPA enforcement officers to conduct inspections or testing otherwise permitted by the Act or regulations thereunder; and

(7) Such other information as is deemed necessary by the Administrator.

§91.704 Exemptions and exclusions.

(a) Individuals and businesses are eligible to import nonconforming marine SI engines into the United States only under the provisions of this section.

(b) Notwithstanding other requirements of this subpart, a nonconforming marine SI engine entitled to one of the temporary exemptions of this paragraph may be conditionally admitted into the United States if prior written approval for the conditional admission is obtained from the Administrator. Conditional admission must be under bond. The Administrator may request that the U.S. Customs Service require a specific bond amount to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Act and this subpart. A written request for approval from the Administrator must contain the identification required in §91.703(b) and information that demonstrates that the importer is entitled to the exemption. Noncompliance with provisions of this section may result in the forfeiture of the total amount of the bond or exportation of

the marine engine. The following temporary exemptions are permitted by this paragraph:

(1) *Exemption for repairs or alterations.* Upon written approval by EPA, a person may conditionally import under bond a nonconforming marine SI engine solely for purpose of repair(s) or alteration(s). The marine SI engines may not be operated in the United States other than for the sole purpose of repair or alteration. It may not be sold or leased in the United States and must be exported upon completion of the repair(s) or alteration(s).

(2) *Testing exemption.* A nonconforming test marine SI engine may be conditionally imported under bond by a person subject to the requirements of §91.1005. A test marine SI engine may be operated in the United States provided that the operation is an integral part of the test. This exemption is limited to a period not exceeding one year from the date of importation unless a request is made by the appropriate importer, and subsequently granted by EPA, concerning the marine engine in accordance with §91.1005(f) for a subsequent one-year period.

(3) *Display exemptions.* (i) A nonconforming marine engine intended solely for display may be conditionally imported under bond subject to the requirements of §91.1007.

(ii) A display marine engine may be imported by any person for purposes related to a business or the public interest. Such purposes do not include collections normally inaccessible or unavailable to the public on a daily basis, display of a marine engine at a dealership, private use, or other purpose that the Administrator determines is not appropriate for display exemptions. A display marine engine may not be sold or leased in the United States and may not be operated in the United States except for the operation incident and necessary to the display purpose.

(iii) A temporary display exemption is granted for 12 months or for the duration of the display purpose, whichever is shorter. Extensions of up to 12 months each are available upon approval by the Administrator. In no circumstances, however, may the total period of exemption exceed 36 months.

(c) Notwithstanding any other requirement of this subpart, a marine SI engine may be finally admitted into the United States under this paragraph if prior written approval for such final admission is obtained from the Administrator. A request for approval is to contain the identification information required in §91.703(b) (except for §91.703(b)(5)) and information that demonstrates that the importer is entitled to the exemption. The following exemptions are permitted by this paragraph:

(1) *National security exemption.* A nonconforming marine engine may be imported under the national security exemption found at §91.1008.

(2) *Exemption for marine engines identical to United States certified versions.* (i) Any person (including businesses) is eligible for importing a nonconforming marine SI engine into the United States under the provisions of this paragraph. An exemption will be granted if the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Administrator that the marine engine:

(A) Is owned by the importer;

(B) Is not offered for importation for the purpose of resale; and

(C) Is proven to be identical, in all material respects, to a marine SI engine of the same or later model year certified by the Original Engine Manufacturer for sale in the United States or is proven to have been modified to be identical, in all material respects, to a marine engine of the same or later model year certified by the OEM for sale in the United States according to complete written instructions provided by the OEM's United States representative, or his/her designee.

(ii) Proof of conformity.

(A) Documentation submitted pursuant to this section for the purpose of proving conformity of individual marine engines is to contain sufficiently organized data or evidence demonstrating that the marine engine identified pursuant to §91.703(b) is identical, in all material respects, to a marine engine identified in an OEM's application for certification.

(B) If the documentation does not contain all the information required by this part, or is not sufficiently organized, EPA will notify the importer of

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any areas of inadequacy and that the documentation will not receive further consideration until the required information or organization is provided.

(C) If EPA determines that the documentation does not clearly or sufficiently demonstrate that a marine engine is eligible for importation under this paragraph, EPA will notify the importer in writing.

(D) If EPA determines that the documentation clearly and sufficiently demonstrates that a marine engine is eligible for importation under this paragraph, EPA will grant approval for final admission in writing.

(d) Foreign diplomatic and military personnel may conditionally import a nonconforming marine engine without bond. At the time of conditional admission, the importer must submit to the Administrator the written report required in §91.703(b) (except for information required by §91.703(b)(5)) and a statement from the U.S. Department of State confirming qualification for this exemption. Foreign military personnel may, in lieu of a statement from the U.S. Department of State, submit to the Administrator a copy of their orders for duty in the United States. The marine SI engine may not be sold or leased in the United States and must be exported if the individual's diplomatic status or the foreign military orders for duty in the U.S. are no longer applicable, as determined by the Department of State, unless subsequently brought into conformity with U.S. emission requirements in accordance with §91.704(c)(2).

(e) Competition exclusion. A nonconforming marine engine may be conditionally imported by any person provided the importer demonstrates to the Administrator that the marine engine is used to propel a marine vessel used solely for competition and obtains prior written approval from the Administrator. A nonconforming engine imported pursuant to this paragraph may not be operated in the United States except for that operation incident and necessary for the competition purpose, unless subsequently brought into conformity with United States emission requirements in accordance with §91.704(c)(2).

(f) An application for exemption and exclusion provided for in paragraphs (b), (c), and (e) of this section shall be mailed to: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Mobile Sources, Engine Programs & Compliance Division (6403-J), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention: Imports.

§ 91.705 Prohibited acts; penalties.

(a) The importation of a marine SI engine, including a marine engine incorporated into marine vessels or equipment, which is not covered by a certificate of conformity other than in accordance with this subpart and the entry regulations of the U.S. Customs Service is prohibited. Failure to comply with this section is a violation of §91.1103(a)(1) and section 213(d) of the Act.

(b) Unless otherwise permitted by this subpart, during a period of conditional admission, the importer of a marine engine may not:

(1) Register, license, or operate the marine engine in the United States;

(2) Sell or lease or offer the marine engine for sale or lease;

(c) A marine SI engine conditionally admitted pursuant to §91.704 (b), (d) or (e) and not granted final admission by the end of the period of conditional admission, or within such additional time as the Administrator and the U.S. Customs Service may allow, is deemed to be unlawfully imported into the United States in violation of §91.1103(a)(1), section 213(d) and section 203 of the Act, unless the marine engine has been delivered to the U.S. Customs Service for export or other disposition under applicable Customs laws and regulations. A marine SI engine not so delivered is subject to seizure by the U.S. Customs Service.

(d) An importer who violates §91.1103(a)(1), section 213(d) and section 203 of the Act is subject to a civil penalty under §91.1106 and section 205 of the Act of not more than \$32,500 for each marine engine subject to the violation. In addition to the penalty provided in the Act, where applicable, a person or entity who imports an engine under the exemption provisions of §91.704(b) and, who fails to deliver the marine engine to the U.S. Customs