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Witnessed and signed this _____ day of _____, _____.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the County of _____ in the State of _____, personally appeared _____ and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing power of attorney.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this _____ day of _____, 199__.

[Notarial seal]

Notary Public _____

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PART 592—REGISTERED IMPORTERS OF VEHICLES NOT ORIGINALLY MANUFACTURED TO CONFORM TO THE FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS

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§ 592.1 Scope.

This part establishes procedures under 49 U.S.C. 30141(c) for the registration of importers of motor vehicles that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards. This part also establishes the duties of Registered Importers.

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§ 592.2 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to provide content and format requirements for persons who wish to register with the Administrator as importers of motor vehicles not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards, to provide procedures for the registration of importers and for the suspension, rev-

ocation and reinstatement of registration, and to set forth the duties required of Registered Importers.

§ 592.3 Applicability.

This part applies to any person who wishes to register with the Administrator as an importer of nonconforming vehicles, and to any person who is registered as an importer.

§ 592.4 Definitions.

All terms in this part that are defined in 49 U.S.C. 30102 and 30125 are used as defined therein.

Administrator means the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

NHTSA means the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Registered Importer means any person that the Administrator has registered as an importer pursuant to section 592.5(b).

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§ 592.5 Requirements for registration and its maintenance.

(a) Any person wishing to register as an importer of motor vehicles not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards must file an application which:

(1) Is headed with the words "Application for Registration as Importer", and submitted in three copies to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 6115, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20590, Attn: NEF-32 Importer Registration.

(2) Is written in the English language.

(3) Sets forth the full name, address, and title of the person preparing the application, and the name, address, and telephone number of the person for whom application is made.

(4) Sets forth, as applicable, the names of all owners, including shareholders, partners, or sole proprietors, of the person for whom application is made.

(5) If any of the owners listed in paragraph (a)(4) of this section are corporations, sets forth the names of all shareholders of such corporation whose ownership interest is 10 percent or greater.

(6) Contains a statement that the applicant has never had a registration revoked pursuant to § 592.7, nor is it or was it, directly or indirectly, owned or controlled by, or under common ownership or control with, a person who has had a registration revoked pursuant to § 592.7.

(7) Contains a certified check payable to the Treasurer of the United States, for the amount of the initial annual fee established pursuant to part 594 of this chapter.

(8) Contains a copy of a contract to acquire, effective upon its registration as an importer, a prepaid mandatory service insurance policy underwritten by an independent insurance company, or a copy of such policy, in an amount that equals \$2,000 for each motor vehicle for which the applicant will furnish a certificate of conformity to the Administrator, for the purpose of ensuring that the applicant will be able financially to remedy any noncompliance or safety related defect determined to exist in any such motor vehicle in accordance with part 573 and part 577 of this chapter. If the application is accompanied by a copy of a contract to acquire such a policy, the applicant shall provide NHTSA with a copy of the policy within 10 days after it has been issued to the applicant.

(9) Sets forth in full data, views, and arguments of the applicant sufficient to establish that the applicant will be able, through a records system of acquiring and maintaining names and addresses of owners of vehicles for which it furnishes a certificate of conformity, and Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs) of such vehicles, to notify such owners that a noncompliance or safety related defect exists in such vehicles, and that it will be financially able to remedy a noncompliance or safety related defect through repurchase or replacement of such vehicles, or technically able through repair of such vehicles, in accordance with part 573 and part 577 of this chapter.

(10) Segregates and specifies any part of the information and data submitted under this part that the applicant wishes to have withheld from public disclosure in accordance with part 512 of this chapter.

(11) Contains a statement that the applicant will fully comply with all duties of a registered importer as set forth in § 592.6.

(12) Has the applicant's signature acknowledged by a notary public.

(b) If the information submitted is incomplete, the Administrator notifies the applicant of the areas of insufficiency, and that the application is in abeyance.

(c) If the Administrator deems it necessary for a determination upon the application, NHTSA conducts an inspection of the applicant. Subsequent to the inspection, NHTSA calculates the costs attributable to such inspection, and notifies the applicant in writing that such costs comprise a component of the initial annual fee and must be paid before a determination is made upon its application.

(d) When the application is complete (and, if applicable, when a sum representing the inspection component of the initial annual fee is paid), it is reviewed and a determination made whether the applicant should be granted the status of Registered Importer. Such determination may be based, in part, upon an inspection by NHTSA of the conformance, storage, and record-keeping facilities of the applicant. If the Administrator determines that the application is acceptable, (s)he informs the applicant in writing that its application is approved, and issues it a Registered Importer Number. If the information is not acceptable, the Administration informs the applicant in writing that its application is not approved. No refund is made of those components of the initial annual fee representing the costs of processing the application, and conducting an inspection. Refund is made of that component of the initial annual fee representing the remaining costs of administration of the registration program.

(e) In order to maintain its registration, a Registered Importer shall provide an annual statement that affirms that all information provided under paragraphs (a)(4), (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(9), and (a)(11) of this section remains correct, and that includes a current copy of its insurance policy procured pursuant to paragraph (a)(8) of this section.

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Such statement shall be titled “Yearly Statement of Registered Importer”, and shall be filed not later than October 31 of each year. A Registered Importer shall also pay such annual fee or fees as the Administrator may from time to time establish under part 594 of this chapter. An annual fee shall be paid not later than October 31 of any calendar year, and shall be the annual fee for the fiscal year that began on October 1 of that calendar year. Any other fee shall be payable not later than 30 calendar days after the date that the Administrator has notified the Registered Importer of it in writing.

(f) A Registered Importer shall notify the Administrator in writing of any change that occurs in the information which is submitted in its application, not later than the end of the 30th calendar day after such change.

(g) A registration granted under this part is not transferable.

[54 FR 40090, Sept. 29, 1989, as amended at 54 FR 47088, Nov. 9, 1989; 55 FR 37330, Sept. 11, 1990]

§ 592.6 Duties of a registered importer.

Each Registered Importer shall:

(a) With respect to each motor vehicle that it imports into the United States, furnish to the Secretary of the Treasury (acting on behalf of the Administrator) a bond in an amount equal to 150 per cent of the entered value of the vehicle, as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, to ensure that such vehicle either will be brought into conformity with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards prescribed under part 571 of this chapter within 120 calendar days after such importation, or will be exported (at no cost to the United States) by the importer or the Secretary of the Treasury, or abandoned to the United States. However, if the Registered Importer has procured a continuous entry bond, it shall furnish the Administrator with such bond, and shall furnish the Secretary of the Treasury (acting on behalf of the Administrator) with a photocopy of such bond and Customs Form CF 7501 at the time of importation of each motor vehicle.

(b) Establish, maintain, and retain for 8 years from the date of entry of any nonconforming vehicle for which it

furnishes a certificate of conformity pursuant to paragraph (e) of this section, organized records, correspondence and other documents relating to the importation, modification, and substantiation of certification of conformity to the Administrator, including but not limited to:

(1) The declaration required by § 591.5 of this chapter, and 19 CFR 12.80.

(2) All vehicle or equipment purchase or sales orders or agreements, conformance agreements with importers other than Registered Importers, and correspondence between the Registered Importer and the owner or purchaser of each vehicle for which it has furnished a certificate of conformity.

(3) The last known name and address of the owner or purchaser of each motor vehicle for which it has furnished a certificate of conformity, and the VIN number of such vehicle.

(4) Records, both photographic and documentary, reflecting the modifications made and submitted to the Administrator pursuant to paragraph (e) of this section.

(c) Records, both photographic and documentary, sufficient to substantiate each subsequent certificate furnished to the Administrator for a vehicle of the same model and model year for which documentation has been furnished NHTSA in support of the initial certificate.

(d) Permanently affix to each motor vehicle, upon completion of modifications, a label that meets the requirements of § 567.4 of this chapter, which identifies the Registered Importer, and provide to the Administrator a photocopy of the label attesting that such vehicle has been brought into conformity with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety and bumper standards.

(e) Certify to the Administrator, upon completion of modifications, that the vehicle has been brought into conformity with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety and bumper standards, and that it is the person legally responsible for bringing the vehicle into conformity.

(f) In substantiation of the initial certification provided for a specific model and model year, submit to the