

Chilean benefits based on combined (totalized) work credits from both countries.

Individuals who wish to obtain copies of the agreement or want more information about its provisions may write to the Social Security Administration, Office of International Programs, Post Office Box 17741, Baltimore, MD 21235-7741 or visit the Social Security Web site at www.ssa.gov/international.

Dated: November 19, 2001.

JoAnne B. Barnhart,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2001-11040]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of the currently approved information collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on August 10, 2001.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before December 28, 2001. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sylvia L. Marion, Office of Administration, Office of Management Planning, (202) 366-6680.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 49 U.S.C. Sections 5309 and 5307 Capital Assistance Programs (OMB Number: 2132-0543).

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. Sections 5309 Capital Program and Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program authorize the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to State and local governments and public transportation authorities for financing mass transportation projects. Grant recipients are required to make information available to the public and to publish a program of projects for

affected citizens to comment on the proposed program and performance of the grant recipients at public hearings. Notices of hearings must include a brief description of the proposed project and be published in a newspaper circulated in the affected area. FTA also uses the information to determine eligibility for funding and to monitor the grantees' progress in implementing and completing project activities. The information submitted ensures FTA's compliance with applicable federal laws and OMB Circular A-102.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 54 hours for each of the 3,675 respondents.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FTA Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited On: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the collection burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued: November 21, 2001.

Dorrie Y. Aldrich,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 01-10257; Notice 2]

Aprilia, S.p.A.; American Honda Motor Co., Inc.; Grant of Applications for Temporary Exemption and Request for Extension of Temporary Exemption From Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 123

This notice grants the applications by Aprilia S.p.A. of Noale, Italy, and by American Honda Motor Co. of Torrance, California ("Honda"), for a temporary exemption of two years, from a requirement of S5.2.1 (Table 1) of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard

No. 123 *Motorcycle Controls and Displays*. This notice also grants Aprilia's request for an extension of NHTSA Temporary Exemption No. EX99-9 from the same requirement. Both Aprilia and Honda assert that "compliance with the standard would prevent the manufacturer from selling a motor vehicle with an overall level of safety at least equal to the overall safety level of nonexempt vehicles," 49 U.S.C. Sec. 30113(b)(3)(iv).

Notice of receipt of Aprilia's application for a temporary exemption of its Habana 150 model was published in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 2001, and an opportunity afforded for comment (66 FR 39825). Because the safety issues raised by the Honda petition and Aprilia extension request are identical to those raised by Aprilia's Habana 150 petition, and given the recent opportunity for public comment, we have concluded that a further opportunity to comment on the same issues is not likely to result in any substantive submissions, and that we may proceed to decisions on the Honda petition and Aprilia extension request. See our similar decision on Aprilia's previous request for an extension of NHTSA Temporary Exemption No. EX99-9 (65 FR 1225). See also our decisions on applications by Dan Hill & Associates and Red River Manufacturing, Inc., for temporary exemptions from Standard No. 224 (66 FR 20028).

The Reason Why Aprilia and Honda Need a Temporary Exemption

The problem is one that is common to the two Aprilia motorcycles and the one Honda motorcycle covered by the applications. If a motorcycle is produced with rear wheel brakes, S5.2.1 of Standard No. 123 requires that the brakes be operable through the right foot control, although the left handlebar is permissible for motor driven cycles (Item 11, Table 1). Aprilia petitioned to use the left handlebar as the control for the rear brakes of its Habana 150 motorcycle, whose 150 cc engine produces more than the 5 hp maximum that separates motor driven cycles from motorcycles. According to Aprilia, the Habana frame has not been designed to mount a right foot operated brake pedal (i.e., a scooter-type vehicle provides a platform for the feet and operates only through hand controls). Applying considerable stress to this sensitive pressure point of the frame could cause failure due to fatigue unless proper design and testing procedures are performed. The Habana 150 is described as a retro-style cruiser scooter, as contrasted with the Aprilia Leonardo

150 sport scooter and the Scarabeo 150 touring scooter which we have previously exempted from compliance with the rear brake location requirement of Standard No. 123 (see 64 FR 44264 and 65 FR 1225).

Honda has made a similar petition on behalf of its FJS600 motor scooter. Aprilia has also requested that the temporary exemption for its Scarabeo 150 (65 FR 1225) be extended from December 1, 2001, until October 1, 2002 on the basis that it did not begin importation of the Scarabeo 150 until October 2000.

Absent an exemption, Aprilia and Honda will be unable to sell the Habana 150, Scarabeo 150, and the FJS 600 because the vehicles would not fully comply with Standard No. 123.

Arguments Why the Overall Level of Safety of the Vehicles to Be Exempted Equals or Exceeds that of Non-exempted Vehicles

Aprilia and Honda have argued that the overall level of safety of the Habana 150 and Scarabeo 150, and FJS 600, respectively, equals or exceeds that of a non-exempted motor vehicle for the following reasons. All three vehicles are equipped with an automatic transmission. As there is no foot operated gear change, the operation and use of a motorcycle with an automatic transmission is similar to the operation and use of a bicycle, as Aprilia argued, concluding that the vehicles can be operated without requiring special training or practice.

Although admitting that "the foot can apply more force than the hand," Aprilia argues that this is not important with respect to operation of the Habana 150 because "even the smallest rider can apply more than enough brake actuation force." Aprilia cited tests performed by Carter Engineering on a similar Aprilia scooter to support its statement that "a motor vehicle with a hand-operated rear wheel brake provides a greater overall level of safety than a nonexempt vehicle." See materials in Docket No. NHTSA 98-4357. According to Aprilia, a rear wheel hand brake control allows riders to brake more quickly and securely, it takes a longer time for a rider to find and place his foot over the pedal and apply force than it does for a rider to reach and squeeze the hand lever, and there is a reduced probability of inadvertent wheel locking in an emergency braking situation.

Aprilia has provided copies of its own recent test reports on the Habana, dated March 1, 2001, and May 1, 2001, which have been placed in the docket.

Aprilia also points out that European regulations allow motorcycle manufacturers the option of choosing rear brake application through either a right foot or left handlebar control, and that Australia permits the optional locations for motorcycles of any size with automatic transmissions.

Honda informs us that "the FJS600 can easily meet the braking performance requirements of both [Federal Motor Vehicle Safety] Standard 122 and ECE 78," and, therefore, that "This braking system provides the FJS600 with an overall safety level exceeding * * * nonexempted vehicles."

Arguments Why an Exemption Would Be in the Public Interest and Consistent With the Objectives of Motor Vehicle Safety

In Aprilia's view, an exemption would be in the public interest because the Habana 150 is intended for low-speed urban use, and "it is expected that it will be used predominantly in congested traffic areas." Further, the design of the vehicle has been tested by long use around the world, and "neither consumer groups nor government authorities have raised safety concerns about this design." For this reason, Aprilia argues that an exemption would also be consistent with the objectives of motor vehicle safety. Similar arguments are made in support of an extension of the exemption for its Scarabeo 150.

In support of its petition, Honda reiterates its certainty "that the level of safety of the FJS600 is equal to similar vehicles certified under Standard No. 123."

NHTSA's Decisions on the Applications and Request

We received one comment on Aprilia's petition, from Jeff Saunders of Palo Alto, California. Mr. Saunders supported granting the petition.

It is evident that, until such time as Standard No. 123 is amended to extend the left handlebar brake control option to motorcycles with more than 5 hp, Aprilia and Honda will be unable to sell their Habana 150, Scarabeo 150, and FJS600 motorcycles if they do not receive a temporary exemption from the requirement that the right foot pedal operate the brake control. It is also evident from the previous grants of similar petitions by Aprilia, Honda, and others, that we have repeatedly found that the motorcycles exempted from the brake control location requirement of Standard No. 123 have an overall level of safety that equals or exceeds that of nonexempted motorcycles. Although the Honda FJS600, equipped with a 600cc engine, would be the most

powerful scooter-type vehicle exempted to date, we do not believe that this fact alone is relevant to brake control location.

Aprilia's argument that an exemption for the Habana 150 would be in the public interest because of its probable use in congested urban areas is equally applicable to the Scarabeo 150, as is its arguments that use of such vehicles worldwide has raised no vehicle safety issues related to location of brake controls. While Honda did not make a public interest argument per se, reiterating only its belief that overall the FJS600 is as safe as a conforming motorcycle, we note that its last previous request for exemption from Standard No. 123, for its NSS250 motor scooter, was supported by approximately 40 commenters (See 66 FR 69130). This indicates a great public interest in scooter-type vehicles and a belief of the commenters that such vehicles have a place in the nation's overall private-vehicle transportation fleet.

In consideration of the foregoing, we hereby find that Aprilia and Honda have met their burden of persuasion that to require compliance with Standard No. 123 would prevent these manufacturers from selling a motor vehicle with an overall level of safety at least equal to the overall safety level of nonexempt vehicles. We further find that a temporary exemption is in the public interest and consistent with the objectives of motor vehicle safety. Therefore:

1. Aprilia SpA is hereby granted NHTSA Temporary Exemption No. EX2001-7 from the requirements of item 11, column 2, table 1 of 49 CFR 571.123 Standard No. 123 *Motorcycle Controls and Displays*, that the rear wheel brakes be operable through the right foot control. This exemption applies only to the Habana 150 model, and will expire on November 1, 2003.

2. Honda Motor Co. Ltd. is hereby granted NHTSA Temporary Exemption No. EX2001-8 from the requirements of item 11, column 2, table 1 of 49 CFR 571.123 Standard No. 123 *Motorcycle Controls and Displays*, that the rear brakes be operable through the right foot control. This exemption applies only to the FJS600 model, and will expire on November 1, 2003.

3. The expiration date of NHTSA Temporary Exemption No. EX99-9 is hereby extended from December 1, 2001 to October 1, 2002.

(49 U.S.C. 30113; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50).

Issued on November 20, 2001.

Jeffrey W. Runge,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 19, 2001.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public 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 December 28, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

U.S. Customs Service (CUS)

OMB Number: 1515-0085.

Form Number: Customs Form 247.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Cost Submission.

Description: The Cost Submissions, Customs Form 247, are used by importers to furnish cost information to Customs which serves as the basis to establish the compliance with Customs Laws.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent : 50 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 50,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1515-0104.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Declaration of Ultimate

Consignee that Articles were Exported for Temporary Scientific or Educational Purposes.

Description: The "Declaration of Ultimate Consignee that Articles were Exported for Temporary Scientific or Educational Purposes" is used to provide duty free entry under conditions when articles are temporarily exported solely for scientific or educational purposes.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent : 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 27 hours.

OMB Number: 1515-0110.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Declaration by the Person Who Performed the Processing of Goods Abroad.

Description: This declaration, prepared by the foreign processor, submitted by the filer with each entry, provides details on the processing performed abroad and is necessary to assist Customs in determining whether the declared value of the processing is accurate.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 730.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent : 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 1,880 hours.

OMB Number: 1515-0144.

Form Number: Customs Forms 301 and 5297.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Importation Bond Structure.

Description: The bond is used to assure that duties, taxes, charges, penalties, and reimbursable expenses owed to the Government are paid; to facilitate the movement of merchandise through Customs; and to provide legal recourse for the Government for noncompliance with Customs laws and regulations and the laws and regulations of other agencies which are enforced by Customs.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 590,250.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 147,596 hours.

OMB Number: 1515-0192.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: U.S./Israel Free Trade Agreement.

Description: This collection is used to ensure conformance with the provisions of the U.S./Israel Free Trade Agreement for duty free entry status.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 34,500.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 5,505 hours.

OMB Number: 1515-0207.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Articles Assembled Abroad with Textile Components Cut to Shape in the U.S.

Description: This collection of information enables Customs to ascertain whether the conditions and requirements relating to 9802.00.80 HTUS, have been met.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 667 hours.

Clearance Officer: Tracey Denning, (202) 927-1429, U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Branch, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 3.2.C, Washington, DC 20229.

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

Mary A. Able,

Departmental Reports, Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 16, 2001.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public 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 December 28, 2001 to be assured of consideration.