



The Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance (OVSC) has expanded the current Importation and Certification Division web site to include a section entitled "Frequently Asked Questions". In this section we have attempted to address some common questions and concerns that the office deals with on a regular basis. If your question has not been addressed, please refer to Part VII (Group 7: Related Government Agencies) for further assistance.

## Importation and Certification FAQ's

### PART IV

#### Group 4: Equipment

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All Vehicles

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#### 1. Importing Motor Vehicle Equipment.

In order to be imported, motor vehicle equipment that is subject to an FMVSS has to be manufactured to conform to that standard and be so certified by its original manufacturer. This is true whether the equipment is new or used. The equipment standards include those pertaining to:

Part II Group 2  
Motorcycles and Scooters

FMVSS No. 106	Brake hoses
FMVSS No. 108	Lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment
FMVSS No. 109	New pneumatic tires
FMVSS No. 110	Tire selection and rims
FMVSS No. 116	Motor vehicle brake fluids
FMVSS No. 117	Retreaded pneumatic tires
FMVSS No. 119	New pneumatic tires for vehicles
FMVSS No.	

Part III Group 3  
Trailers and Heavy Trucks

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120	Tire selection and rims for motor vehicles
FMVSS No. 125	Warning devices
FMVSS No. 129	New non-pneumatic tires for passenger cars
FMVSS No. 139	New pneumatic radial tires for light vehicles
FMVSS No. 205	Glazing materials <i>GLASS</i>

Part V Group 5  
Import Eligibility Petitions

FMVSS No. 209	Seat belt assemblies
FMVSS No. 213	Child restraint systems
FMVSS No. 218	Motorcycle helmets

Part VI Group 6  
Motor Vehicle Exportation

FMVSS No. 223	Rear impact guards
FMVSS No. 304	Compressed natural gas fuel container integrity
FMVSS No. 403	Platform lift systems for motor vehicles

Part VII Group 7  
Related Government Agencies

Also, certain motor vehicle replacement parts must meet the marking requirements of 49 CFR Part 541 Federal motor vehicle theft prevention standard.

Any equipment subject to any of the above standards must be in compliance at the time of importation. Non-compliant equipment may not be imported.

## 2. Importing an Engine or Transmission.

There is no FMVSS that applies to engines and transmissions as equipment items. Therefore, their importation is not regulated by DOT. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) does regulate the importation of engines. Further information on this subject may be found on the EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov>, or by contacting that agency at 734-214-4100.

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