

Issued on March 10, 1997.

Gordon J. Linton,  
Administrator.

Attachment A

Listing of FTA Regions:

Region 1

Volpe National Transportation Systems  
Center, Kendall Square, 55 Broadway,  
Suite 920, Cambridge, MA 02142-1093

Region 2

26 Federal Plaza, Suite 2940, New York, NY  
10278-0194

Region 3

1760 Market Street, Suite 500, Philadelphia,  
PA 19103-4124

Region 4

Atlanta Federal Center, 100 Alabama Street,  
N.W., 17th Floor, Suite T1750, Atlanta, GA  
30303

Region 5

55 East Monroe Street, Rm 1415, Chicago, IL  
60603-5704

Region 6

Parkview Place, 524 East Lamar Street, Suite  
175, Arlington, TX 76011-3900

Region 7

6301 Rockhill Road, Suite 303, Kansas City,  
MO 64131-1117

Region 8

Columbine Place, 216 16th Street, Suite 650,  
Denver, CO 80202-5120

Region 9

201 Mission Street, Suite 2210, San  
Francisco, CA 94105-1831

Region 10

Jackson Federal Building, 915 Second Ave.,  
Suite 3142, Seattle, WA 98174-1002.

[FR Doc. 97-6462 Filed 3-13-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-57-P

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. 97-013; Notice 2]

#### General Motors Corporation; Receipt of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance; Correction

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic  
Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Correction to a notice.

SUMMARY: The Docket No. 97-113;  
Notice 1, as it appeared in the Federal  
Register on March 7, 1997, on page  
10618 is incorrect. It should appear as  
Docket 97-013; Notice 1.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120;  
delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and  
501.8.

Issued: March 11, 1997.

L. Robert Shelton,

Associate Administrator for Safety  
Performance Standards.

[FR Doc. 97-6525 Filed 3-13-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-59-M

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

[T.D. 97-16]

#### Country of Origin Marking of Products From the West Bank and Gaza

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service,  
Department of the Treasury

ACTION: Notice of policy.

SUMMARY: This document clarifies T.D.  
95-25 by notifying the public that, with  
respect to imported goods which are  
produced in the West Bank and Gaza  
Strip, acceptable country of origin  
markings consist of "West Bank/Gaza,"  
"West Bank/Gaza Strip," "West Bank  
and Gaza," and "West Bank and Gaza  
Strip" as well as "West Bank," "Gaza"  
or "Gaza Strip."

EFFECTIVE DATE: The position set forth in  
this document is effective for  
merchandise entered or withdrawn from  
warehouse for consumption on or after  
March 14, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:  
Craig Walker, Special Classification and  
Marking Branch (202) 482-6980.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Section 304 of the Tariff Act of 1930,  
as amended (19 U.S.C. 1304), provides  
that, unless excepted, every article of  
foreign origin (or its container) imported  
into the U.S. shall be marked in a  
conspicuous place as legibly, indelibly,  
and permanently as the nature of the  
article (or its container) will permit, in  
such a manner as to indicate to the  
ultimate purchaser in the U.S. the  
English name of the country of origin of  
the article. Failure to mark an article in  
accordance with the requirements of 19  
U.S.C. 1304 shall result in the levy of a  
duty of ten percent *ad valorem*. Part  
134, Customs Regulations (19 CFR Part  
134), implements the country of origin  
marking requirements and exceptions of  
19 U.S.C. 1304.

T.D. 95-25

T.D. 95-25, published in the Federal  
Register on April 6, 1995 (60 FR 17607),  
discussed the proper country of origin  
marking for imported goods produced in  
the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Prior to  
the issuance of the T.D., Customs had

taken the position that, in order for the  
country of origin marking of a good  
which was produced in the West Bank  
or Gaza Strip to be considered  
acceptable, the word "Israel" must  
appear in the marking designation.  
However, by letter dated October 24,  
1994, the Department of State advised  
the Department of the Treasury that, in  
view of certain developments,  
principally the Israeli-PLO Declaration  
of Principles on Interim Self-  
Government Arrangements (signed on  
September 13, 1993), the primary  
purpose of 19 U.S.C. 1304 would be best  
served if goods produced in the West  
Bank and Gaza Strip were permitted to  
be marked "West Bank" or "Gaza  
Strip."

Accordingly, as Customs has  
previously relied upon advice received  
from the Department of State in making  
determinations regarding the "country  
of origin" of a good for marking  
purposes, Customs notified the public  
in T.D. 95-25 that, unless excepted from  
marking, goods produced in the West  
Bank or Gaza Strip shall be marked as  
"West Bank," "Gaza," or "Gaza Strip."  
The T.D. further stated that the country  
of origin markings of such goods shall  
not contain the words "Israel," "Made  
in Israel," "Occupied Territories-Israel,"  
or words of similar meaning.

#### Clarification

Subsequent to the issuance of T.D.  
95-25, the Israeli-Palestinian Interim  
Agreement was signed, granting  
additional powers and responsibilities  
to the Palestinian Authority. In  
addition, an amendment to the United  
States-Israel Free Trade Area  
Implementation Act of 1985 (19 U.S.C.  
2112 note), enacted on October 3, 1996,  
authorized the President to proclaim  
duty-free treatment to products of the  
West Bank and Gaza Strip. Such duty-  
free treatment was implemented by  
Presidential Proclamation 6955 dated  
November 13, 1996, effective for  
products of the West Bank and Gaza  
Strip entered or withdrawn from  
warehouse for consumption on or after  
November 21, 1996.

By letter dated January 13, 1997, the  
Department of State advised the  
Department of the Treasury that the  
Palestinian Authority has asked that the  
U.S. accept the country of origin  
marking "West Bank/Gaza" so as to  
reaffirm the territorial unity of the two  
areas. The Department of State further  
advised that it considers the West Bank  
and Gaza Strip to be one area for  
political, economic, legal and other  
purposes. Accordingly, the Department  
of State requested that Customs accept  
the country of origin markings "West