

**REGISTERED IMPORTER NEWSLETTER No. 38**  
**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**  
**Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance**  
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**INELIGIBLE CANADIAN MARKET VEHICLES**

General Motors, LLC (GM) recently notified the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance (OVSC) that certain 2010 model year Chevrolet Cobalt and HHR model vehicles that it is selling in the Canadian market do not conform to all applicable requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 208 *Occupant Crash Protection*. Specifically, these vehicles, which have been certified by GM as conforming to all applicable Canadian motor vehicle safety standards (CMVSS), do not conform to all of the advanced airbag requirements of the U.S. standard. As a consequence, these vehicles are **NOT** eligible for importation under eligibility numbers VSA-80 or VSA-81, which cover all Canadian certified passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks, and buses with a GVWR of 4,536 kg (10,000 lb) or less manufactured on or after September 1, 2008 that, as originally manufactured, comply with a number of specified FMVSS, including FMVSS No. 208.

The subject vehicles will have a CMVSS certification label (usually with a “maple leaf” symbol) and a vehicle identification number (VIN) that includes any of the following sequences in the first 10 positions of the VIN:

VIN Position	1	2	3	4	5	10
Cobalt	1	G	1	A	A	A
Cobalt	1	G	1	A	B	A
Cobalt	1	G	1	A	C	A
Cobalt	1	G	1	A	D	A
Cobalt	1	G	1	A	E	A
Cobalt	1	G	1	A	F	A

VIN Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	10
HHR	3	G	N	B	A	A	A
HHR	3	G	N	B	A	B	A
HHR	3	G	N	B	A	C	A
HHR	3	G	N	B	A	E	A
HHR	3	G	N	B	A	F	A
HHR	3	G	N	B	A	G	A

No DOT bond release letters will be issued for any of the subject vehicles if entered under VSA-80 or VSA-81. If OVSC receives a conformity package for any of the subject vehicles entered under one of these eligibility numbers, the Registered Importer (RI) submitting the package will be charged a processing fee, the conformity package will be returned to the RI, and the vehicle will have to be delivered to the Secretary of Homeland Security for exportation to Canada, or be destroyed, or abandoned to the United States. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. George Stevens of OVSC at (202) 366-5308.