

**Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

**NOTIFICATION**

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>UNITED STATES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (42) <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Motorcycle Brakes (HS Chapter 8711)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Motorcycle Brake Systems (6 pages, English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Administration is proposing to amend the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard on motorcycle brakes by reducing the minimum hand lever force from 5 pounds (presently specified) to 2.3 pounds and the minimum foot pedal force from 10 pounds (presently specified) to 5.6 pounds in the fade recovery and water recovery tests. The Administration believes these proposals, if adopted, would facilitate the manufacture of motorcycles with combined or "linked" braking systems (where hand and foot brakes work in tandem) that do not need so much force exerted on them to be effective.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Safety
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> 64 FR 62622, 17 November 1999; 49 CFR Part 571. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
<b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b>
<b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 18 January 2000
<b>11. Texts available from:</b> National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: The text is also available on the Internet at: <a href="http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html">http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html</a>