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## NOTIFICATION

### *Addendum*

The following communication, dated 8 December 2016, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Canada.

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#### Regulations Amending the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations (Standard 226)

The proposed amendment notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/486 (dated 10 March 2016) was adopted 2 November 2016 as the "*Regulations Amending the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations (Standard 226)*".

The amendment aligns with the United States regulations, i.e. FMVSS 226, by incorporating by reference *Technical Standards Document No. 226 - Ejection Mitigation* (TSD 226). As a result, vehicles under a gross vehicle weight rating of 4 536 kg, other than convertibles, and vehicles designed to be used without doors, will be required to have side curtain air bags that would remain inflated for six seconds and protect occupants in the event of a rollover. The amendment also provides exemptions under certain circumstances for vehicles with doors that are readily removable, for altered vehicles that have the roof modified, have a fixed security partition, or have been modified to accommodate a disabled person.

Motor vehicle manufacturers and importers are responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act* (MVSA) and its regulations. The Department of Transport monitors the self-certification programs of manufacturers and importers by reviewing their test documentation, inspecting vehicles, and testing vehicles obtained in the open market.

For the purposes of voluntary compliance by vehicle manufacturers, vehicles may comply with the requirements of this amendment as of the date of publication in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II. However, all vehicles covered by this amendment and manufactured on or after 1 September 2018, will be required to fully comply with the Regulations.

The full text of the adopted measure and the corresponding TSD 226 can be downloaded from the Internet addresses indicated below:

<http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2016/2016-11-02/html/sor-dors277-eng.php>

<http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2016/2016-11-02/html/sor-dors277-fra.php>

[http://www.tc.gc.ca/media/documents/acts-regulations/TSD226\\_Rev\\_0\\_2.pdf](http://www.tc.gc.ca/media/documents/acts-regulations/TSD226_Rev_0_2.pdf)

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