The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: **UNITED STATES**


3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [ ], 7.3.2 [ ], 7.4.1 [ ], Other:

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   Lawn mowers (No. 721.21)

5. Title: Walk-behind power lawn mower. Proposal to amend blade control requirements.

6. Description of content: This proposed rule would require that lawn mowers with only manual starting controls and which meet the current standard (mower blade must stop within three seconds of the release of the handle and the blade stops without stopping the engine) except that the blade control system stops the blade by stopping the engine will be allowed if: (1) the engine starting controls for the lawn mower are located within 24 inches of the top of the mower's handle or (2) the mower has a protective foot shield which extends 360 degrees around the mower housing.

   Objective and rationale: To implement a congressional mandate.


9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: To be determined

10. Final date for comments: 11 November 1981

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: