NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party and Agency: UNITED STATES: Department of Transportation (94)

2. Provision of the Agreement: Proposed Technical Regulation (Article 2.5.2)

3. Product(s) covered, CCCN Heading (National Tariff Heading where applicable): Cars/automatic restraint

4. Title of project: Alternative amendments to the automatic restraint requirements of Safety Standard No. 208, Occupant Crash Protection

5. Description: Three alternatives are being considered:
   (1) The requirements would become effective on 1 September 1982 for small cars; 1 September 1981 for mid-size cars; and 1 September 1984 for larger cars;
   (2) All car sizes would begin compliance on 1 March 1983; or
   (3) Rescind the requirements.

6. Objective and rationale: To ensure that Standard No. 208 reflects the changes in circumstances that has occurred since the automatic restraint requirements were issued in 1977 and to ensure that the standard meets the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 and Executive Order 12291.


8. Where published, when adopted: Federal Register

9. Final date for submission of comments: 26 May 1981

10. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be determined