### GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFTS AND TRADE

**Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

**NOTIFICATION**

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

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

2. **Agency responsible:** Consumer Product Safety Commission (164)

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):**
   - Clothing textiles (CCCN No. 61)

5. **Title:** Standard for the flammability of clothing textiles; proposed enforcement and administrative rule.

6. **Description of content:** The Commission proposes to issue a rule for the enforcement and administration of the Flammable Fabrics Act regarding the use of tests other than the one in the standard for the flammability of clothing textiles to support guarantees for items subject to the standard. The proposed rule interprets the phrase "reasonable and representative tests" to include any alternate test utilizing apparatus or procedures, other than those specified in the standard if the alternate test is as stringent as, or more stringent than, the test in the standard.

7. **Objective and rationale:** Human safety and to set forth conditions under which persons and firms issuing guarantees for items subject to the standard may base those guarantees on tests using apparatus or procedures other than those in the standard.


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

10. **Final date for comments:** 16 July 1982

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