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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: UNITED STATES

2. Agency responsible: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (181)

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): Child restraint systems (CCCN No. 87.06)

5. Title: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, Child Restraint Systems

6. Description of content: NHTSA proposes to reduce the minimum force requirement in the pre-impact test of child restraint belt buckles from 12 lb. to 9 lb. and to establish a new 12 lb. maximum force requirement for the pre-impact test. In addition, NHTSA proposes adding buckle size and buckle latching requirements.

7. Objective and rationale: To ensure that the buckles are easier for adults to operate and that children are not able to open the buckles.


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

10. Final date for comments: 20 June 1983

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