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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: UNITED STATES

2. Agency responsible: Food and Drug Administration (189)

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

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   Laser products (CCCN Chapter 90)

5. Title: Laser products: proposed amendments to performance standard

6. Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is proposing to amend the performance standard for laser products to extend the applicable wavelength range, to require minimal reporting and record-keeping for sales of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) components, to simplify and clarify the definitions for human access, protective housing and product classification and to add a new definition for a Class III(a) laser product. FDA is proposing to modify the performance requirements for a safety interlock, viewing optic, remote control connector, emission indicator delay, key control, beam attenuator, and certain radiation measurement parameters. Changes are also proposed to clarify the need for scanning failure safeguards, manual reset mechanisms, and emission indicators on certain laser products.

7. Objective and rationale: Protection of public health


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

10. Final date for comments: 30 January 1984

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