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 Administration (340)

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

4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   - Air brake systems

5. Title: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Air Brake Systems

6. Description of content: This notice proposes two alternative amendments to the requirements of Standard No. 121, Air Brake Systems, concerning electrical power sources for trailer anti-lock brake systems. The Standard currently requires trailer anti-lock systems to be powered from the stop lamp circuit. The Administration is concerned that this requirement inhibits use of some state-of-the-art trailer anti-lock systems that have more performance features, but also have higher power requirements. Under the first alternative being considered, trailer anti-lock systems would be required to be powered by a separate electrical circuit, with the stop lamp circuit being used as a source of back-up power. New requirements would also be established for an anti-lock warning signal circuit. Under the second alternative, the Agency would rescind the existing requirement that trailer anti-lock systems be powered from the stop lamp circuit.

7. Objective and rationale: Would facilitate introduction of new technology


9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Would be effective thirty days after publication of the final rule.

10. Final date for comments: 2 July 1991

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

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