NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: UNITED STATES


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):
   Lamps, reflective devices and associated equipment

5. Title: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment (4 pages)

6. Description of content: This notice proposes an amendment to motor vehicle safety Standard No. 108 to permit "combination headlamp systems", headlighting systems in which the upper and lower beams could be provided by two types of dissimilar headlamps, combining aspects of performance of the two types but within a single headlamp. A manufacturer could select upper and lower beam providers from three types of dissimilar headlamps: Type F sealed beams, integral beams, and replaceable bulb headlamps, providing that the lamps were designed to conform to the photometrics of figures 15 or 17 of Standard No. 108. These specifications allow simultaneous use of both upper and lower beams. The adoption of the proposal would promote implementation of high intensity discharge headlighting technology in the relatively near future, which, when used as a lower beam, must remain activated when the upper beam is engaged.

7. Objective and rationale: To reduce regulatory restrictions inhibiting design freedom in motor vehicle lighting if those restrictions are not necessary for safety.


9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: The effective date of the amendments would be thirty days after publication in the federal register

10. Final date for comments: 18 November 1991

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

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