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):
   - School bus passenger seating

5. Title: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection (16 pages)

6. Description of content: This notice solicits comments on a proposal to amend Standard No. 222, School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection. School buses designed (on a voluntary basis or pursuant to a legal requirement other than one issued by this agency) to transport persons in wheelchairs would be required to have wheelchair securement devices and occupant restraint systems meeting specified performance requirements. The proposed amendments include establishing minimum strength and location requirements for the anchorages for securement and restraint devices, and establishing minimum strength requirements for the securement and restraint devices themselves. This proposal would provide a level of occupant protection for students in wheelchairs comparable to that currently provided to persons able to use standard bench seats.

7. Objective and rationale: To prevent potential injuries to all occupants caused by a wheelchair which is not adequately secured.


9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: If adopted, the proposed amendments would become effective one year following the publication of the final rule.

10. Final date for comments: 25 November 1991

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body:
   - 91-1366