**NOTIFICATION**

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 (363)

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):**
   - Trailers (HS Chapter 8716)

5. **Title:** Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment (13 pages)

6. **Description of content:** This notice proposes that trailers which have an overall width of 80 inches or more and a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds be equipped on the sides and rear with means for increasing their conspicuity and thereby enhance the likelihood of their detection at night and under other conditions of reduced visibility. Trailer manufacturers would be given a choice of installing either retroreflective sheeting or reflex reflectors. Under the proposal, manufacturers of retroreflective sheeting or reflectors would certify compliance of their product with Standard No. 108, lamps, reflective devices and associated equipment, whether for use as original or as replacement equipment.

7. **Objective and rationale:** The Administration estimates that the incidence of accidents involving trailers impacted from the side or rear by other vehicles could be reduced by 15 per cent by enhancing conspicuity as proposed in this notice.


9. **Proposed date of adoption and entry into force:** The proposed effective date for the final rule is twelve months after its publication in the Federal Register. Any request for an extension of the time in which to comment must be received not later than ten days before the published expiration date of the comment period.

10. **Final date for comments:** 3 February 1992

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

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