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):
   Rear impact guards and protection

5. Title: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, Rear Impact Guards; Rear Impact Protection (12 pages)

6. Description of content: On 8 January 1981, the Administration published a Notice of proposed rule-making on rear underride crashes, namely crashes in which a relatively small vehicle such as a passenger car collides with the rear of a heavy vehicle (namely a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 10,000 lb.), such as a large trailer. Rear underride occurs when the front of the smaller vehicle slides under ("underrides") the rear end of the larger vehicle. In the worst cases, trailer design allows the smaller vehicle to underride so far that the trailer's rear end strikes the passenger car's windshield and enters the passenger compartment. This Notice seeks to retain the safety benefits of the earlier proposal, while meeting the concerns about potential small business impacts.

7. Objective and rationale: Safety


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

10. Final date for comments: 8 June 1992

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

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