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NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u>
2. Agency responsible: National Highway Traffic Administration (316)
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): Motor vehicles (HS Chapter 87)
5. Title: Fuel System Integrity; Alcohol Fuels (5 pages)
6. Description of content: The Administration is responsible for establishing motor vehicle safety standards for new vehicles and equipment to reduce motor vehicle accidents, deaths and injuries. In this regard, the Administration wishes to have any necessary safety standards in place, that would support the safe introduction and operation of alternative fuel vehicles, and not impede the development and advancement of such vehicles and the associated technology. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments to help the Administration determine whether Standard 301, Fuel System Integrity, should be amended to set specialized requirements for vehicles using methanol or ethanol as a motor fuel.
7. Objective and rationale: To help achieve a cleaner and more healthy environment by using alternative fuels.
8. Relevant documents: 55 FR 41556, 12 October 1990; 49 CFR Part 571. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Not yet determined
10. Final date for comments: 11 December 1990
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: