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NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: UNITED STATES

2. Agency responsible: Federal Communications Commission (291)

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [], 2.6.1 [, 7.3.2 [, 7.4.1 [, Other:

4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
Cordless telephones (HS 8517)

5. Title: Cordless Telephones (3 pages)

6. Description of content: The Commission is proposing to amend its rules to require that cordless telephones be equipped with security provisions to protect the public switched telephone network from unintentional line seizure and dialing, and to avoid unintentional ringing. This proposal would require manufacturers of cordless telephones to incorporate digital code word circuitry restricting access to the telephone network or ringing of the cordless telephone only to signals transmitted by associated base units and handsets.

7. Objective and rationale: To reduce the amount of harm which is being caused by cordless telephones to the public switched telephone network and the "911" emergency services telephone system

8. Relevant documents: 55 FR 879, 10 January 1990; 47 CFR Parts 15 and 68, will appear in the Federal Register when adopted

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

10. Final date for comments: 13 March 1990

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