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NOTIFICATION

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

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| 1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> |
| 2. Agency responsible: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (292) |
| 3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , 2.6.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.3.2 <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.4.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , other: |
| 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
School buses (HS 8703) |
| 5. Title: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; School Bus Pedestrian Safety Devices (8 pages) |
| 6. Description of content: This notice proposes a new safety standard requiring school buses to be equipped with a stop signal arm. The proposed standard would require that the stop signal arm be octagonal in shape, have a red background with a white border and the word "STOP" in white letters, and be on the left side of the bus. As for the circumstances under which the stop signal arm would be activated, the standard would require that it be automatically deployed whenever the red signal lamps required by Standard No. 108 are activated. In addition, the standard would allow manufacturers to provide a means by which the driver could manually override the automatic mechanism. |
| 7. Objective and rationale: Safety |
| 8. Relevant documents: 55 FR 3618, 2 February 1990; 49 CFR Part 571. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted |
| 9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 September 1991 |
| 10. Final date for comments: 19 March 1990 |
| 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address of other body: |