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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 Safety Administration (394)
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 8703)
5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Compressed Natural Gas Fuel System and Fuel Tank Integrity (18 pages)
6. Description of content: This notice proposes to establish a new Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard specifying performance requirements for compressed natural gas fuel tanks and vehicles using compressed natural gas as a fuel. The proposed Standard is based on Standard No. 301 with additional requirements that apply to the fuel tank alone. In addition to requesting comments on the proposed Standard, the Administration is requesting comment on whether vehicles using liquefied petroleum gas as a fuel should be subject to similar requirements. Finally, the Administration is requesting comment on whether it should make the proposed requirements for compressed natural gas vehicles applicable to all vehicles designed to be powered by a gaseous fuel, such as liquefied natural gas or hydrogen.
7. Objective and rationale: Safety
8. Relevant documents: 58 FR 5323, 21 January 1993; 49 CFR Part 571 and TBT/Notif.90.312. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: If adopted, the amendments to the Code of Federal Regulations would become effective thirty days after publication of the final rule. Under those amendments, compressed natural gas tanks manufactured on or after 1 September 1994 would be required to comply and compressed natural gas vehicles manufactured on or after 1 September 1994 would be required to comply.
10. Final date for comments: 22 March 1993
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: