

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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 (19)
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. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Motor vehicles (HS Chapter 8703)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Theft Protection (6 pages)
6.	Description of content: Standard No. 114, Theft Protection, currently requires automatic transmission vehicles with a "park" position on their transmission to have a key-locking system that prevents removal of the key unless the transmission is locked in "park" or becomes locked in "park" as the direct result of removing the key. In other words, under the first alternative, a vehicle must be designed so that the key cannot be removed when the transmission shift lever or other shifting mechanism is in any position other than "park". The Administration is proposing to amend this provision to prevent key removal only when the shift lever or other shifting mechanism is fully placed in any designated shift position other than "park".
7.	Objective and rationale: The Administration believes that the proposed amendment would provide greater flexibility to manufacturers, and not have any measurable impact on safety.
8.	Relevant documents: 59 FR 11750, 14 March 1994; 40 CFR Part 571. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: The proposed amendments would become effective 30 days after publication of a final rule in the Federal Register.
10.	Final date for comments: 13 May 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: