

**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 (28)
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; Fuel System Integrity; Cross-over Lines (10 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Administration proposes to amend Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No 301, Fuel System Integrity, to require vehicles equipped with a cross-over line connecting dual fuel tanks to comply with requirements that would reduce the likelihood of fuel spillage. The affected vehicles would be almost exclusively heavy trucks. A vehicle equipped with a cross-over fuel line would not be permitted to have fuel spillage exceeding 30 grams (1 ounce) (by weight) beginning with the onset of the application of a 11,100 newtons (2,500 pounds) test force and ending two minutes after the end of the test force application.
7.	Objective and rationale: The Administration has tentatively determined that the proposed requirements would eliminate most of the fuel spillage from cross-over line breakage and prevent a substantial number of fires and secondary crashes due to fuel spillage.
8.	Relevant documents: 59 FR 25590; 17 May 1994; 49 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 one year after publication of a final rule in the Federal Register.
10.	Final date for comments: 18 July 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: