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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 Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [ ], 2.6.1 [ ], 7.3.2 [X], 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): Respiratory devices (HS Chapter 9020)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Respiratory protective devices (41 pages)
6.	Description of content: This proposed rule addresses the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health's and the Department of Labour/Mine Safety and Health Administration's (MSHA) certification requirements for respiratory protective devices. This proposal would replace existing MSHA Regulations with new public health regulations, while also upgrading current testing requirements for particulate filters. This action is the first of a series of modules which will, over the next several years, upgrade current respirator requirements. This modular approach will allow improvements to be implemented on a priority basis as well as facilitate adaptation to new requirements by the manufacturers and users of respirators.
7.	Objective and rationale: Health and safety
8.	Relevant documents: 59 FR 26850; 24 May 1994; 42 CFR Part 84. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be determined.
10.	Final date for comments: 22 July 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: