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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 (36)
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; Side Impact Protection - Light Trucks, Buses and Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicles (13 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Administration proposes to extend Standard No. 214's dynamic side impact protection requirements to multi-purpose passenger vehicles, trucks and buses with a gross vehicle weight rating of 8,500 pounds or less and an unloaded vehicle weight of 5,500 pounds or less. These proposed amendments would require that each of these vehicles must protect its occupants in a full-scale dynamic crash test in which the vehicle is struck on either side by a moving deformable barrier simulating another vehicle. Occupants would be represented by instrumented test dummies. The dummies would be positioned in the target vehicle to measure the potential for injuries to an occupant's thorax and pelvis. Given the differences between these vehicles and passenger cars and their respective crash experiences, the Administration is proposing possible modifications in the test procedure for these vehicles.
7.	Objective and rationale: Safety
8.	Relevant documents: 59 FR 30756, 15 June 1994; 49 CFR Part 571. 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: 15 August 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: