

**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>CANADA</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Department of National Health and Welfare
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): Cribs
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Proposed Amendment to the Cribs Regulations
6.	Description of content: The current proposal seeks to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Eliminate toeholds that enable a child to climb out of a crib, falling to the floor with the risk of injury;(2) enhance the requirements for rigid-sided portable cribs to make them similar to those for standard cribs, including higher side heights;(3) clarify the scope of the Regulations; and(4) set out the requirements for cradles in separate Regulations. <p>The high rate of falls associated with cribs underscores the need to eliminate toeholds that enable a child to climb out of the crib with risk of injury, especially to the head. In addition, the requirements concerning toeholds will harmonize Canadian requirements in this regard with the United States requirements made under the Consumer Product Safety Act. The proposed amendment will also harmonize the Canadian and American requirements for corner posts.</p>
7.	Objective and rationale: Protection of Human Safety
8.	Relevant documents: Canada Gazette, Part I, 26 February 1994, pages 1467-1481
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Not stated
10.	Final date for comments: 27 April 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: