NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United States of America  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT) [1525]  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: [usatbtep@nist.gov](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [ ],** **5.6.2 [ ],** **5.7.1 [ ],** **other [ ]:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Fuel containers used on heavy vehicles; Graphical symbols (ICS 01.080), Accident and disaster control (ICS 13.200), Protection against dangerous goods (ICS 13.300), Vessels and containers mounted on vehicles (ICS 23.020.20), Crash protection and restraint systems (ICS 43.040.80), Fuel systems (ICS:43.060.40), Commercial vehicles (ICS 43.080) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Container Integrity (12 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** In response to petitions for rulemaking from the American Trucking Associations (ATA) and the Natural Gas Vehicles for America (NGVAmerica), NHTSA is proposing to amend the visual inspection labeling requirement in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 304, "Compressed natural gas fuel container integrity," to state that CNG fuel containers used on heavy vehicles should be inspected at least once every 12 months. NHTSA is proposing this change because CNG heavy vehicles are typically used in high-mileage commercial fleet operations and following the current mileage-based inspection interval on the label means conducting multiple visual inspections per year. NHTSA has tentatively concluded multiple visual inspections per year based solely on mileage would not improve vehicle safety for these high-mileage CNG heavy vehicles, and could potentially reduce safety. Because the current periodic visual inspection interval is intended for light vehicles and is consistent with the operation of these vehicles, no change is proposed to the periodic visual inspection interval for CNG fuel containers on light vehicles. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * 84 Federal Register (FR) PAGE#, DATE 2019; Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 571:   [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-06-21/html/2019-12895.htm>](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-06-21/html/2019-12895.htm)  [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-06-21/pdf/2019-12895.pdf>](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-06-21/pdf/2019-12895.pdf) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 20 August 2019 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/TBT/USA/19_3638_00_e.pdf> |