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) [1695]  **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 [****X],** **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):** Child restraint systems; Quality (ICS 03.120), Crash protection and restraint systems (ICS 43.040.80) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Child Restraint Systems, Incorporation by Reference (72 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); request for comment - In accordance with the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), this document proposes to amend Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 213, "Child restraint systems," by updating the standard seat assembly on which child restraint systems (CRSs) are tested to determine their compliance with the standard's dynamic performance requirements. This NPRM proposes other amendments to modernize FMVSS No. 213, including a lessening of restrictions in some of the standard's owner registration and labeling requirements, to give manufacturers more flexibility in communicating with today's parents for the purposes of increasing owner registrations for recall notification purposes and increasing the correct use of CRSs, respectively. NHTSA is also proposing ways to streamline the Agency's use of test dummies to assess restraint performance, including simplifying the standard's compliance tests to make them more reflective of the real-world use of CRSs today. The purpose of these and other proposals is to modernize the seat assembly and other aspects of FMVSS No. 213, to help ensure the continued effectiveness of CRSs in current and future vehicles. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Protection of human health or safety; Quality requirements; Cost saving and productivity enhancement |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * 85 Federal Register (FR) 69388, 2 November 2020; Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 571: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-11-02/html/2020-21477.htm> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-11-02/pdf/2020-21477.pdf>   This notice of proposed rulemaking; request for comment is identified by Docket Number NHTSA-2020-0093. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NHTSA-2020-0093> and provides access to primary documents, and will also provide access to comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov). Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the regulator and will also be submitted to the [Docket](https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NHTSA-2020-0093) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.  A notice of proposed rulemaking, "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards;  Child Restraint Systems" published 30 June 2005 at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2005-06-30/html/05-12875.htm> and <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2005-06-30/pdf/05-12875.pdf> was notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/125](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/Tbtn05/USA125.DOC) and is identified by Docket Number NHTSA-2005-21243. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NHTSA-2005-21243>and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number.  A notice of proposed rulemaking, "Anthropomorphic Test Devices; Hybrid III-10 Year Old Child Test Dummy" published 13 July 2005 at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2005-07-13/html/05-13659.htm> and <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2005-07-13/pdf/05-13659.pdf> was notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/132](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/Tbtn05/USA132.DOC). The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NHTSA-2005-21247> and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received.  A supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking published 24 November 2010 notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/132/Add.1](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/Tbtn05/USA132A1.doc)is identified by Docket Number NHTSA-2010-0158. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NHTSA-2010-0158>and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Numbers.  A final rule published 9 September 2011 notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/132/Add.2](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/Tbtn05/USA132A2.DOC)is identified by Docket Number NHTSA-2011-0139. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NHTSA-2011-0139>and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Numbers.  A final rule published 27 February 2012 notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/132/Add.3](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/Tbtn05/USA132A3.DOC)is identified by Docket Number NHTSA-2011-0176. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NHTSA-2011-0176>and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number.  A final rule published 27 February 2012 at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2012-02-27/html/2012-4129.htm>and <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-27/pdf/2012-4129.pdf>was notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/132/Add.4](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/Tbtn05/USA132A4.DOC)is identified by Docket Number NHTSA-2011-0175. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NHTSA-2011-0175>and provides access to primary documents. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Numbers.  A final rule; response to petition for reconsideration published 25 February 2014 at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-02-25/html/2014-03984.htm> and <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-02-25/pdf/2014-03984.pdf>, notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/132/Add.5](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/TBTN05/USA132A5.DOC) is identified by Docket Number NHTSA-2014-0026. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NHTSA-2014-0026> and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number.  Technical amendments were published 23 June 2015 and notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/132/Add.6](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/TBTN05/USA132A6.DOC). The Docket Number is NHTSA-2011-0175 and the Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NHTSA-2011-0175>, and provides access to primary documents. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Numbers.  A notice of proposed rulemaking, "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Child Restraint Systems", published on 31 August 2005 at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2005-08-31/html/05-17218.htm> and <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2005-08-31/pdf/05-17218.pdf> was notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/140](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/Tbtn05/USA140.DOC) and identified by Docket Number NHTSA-2005-21245. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NHTSA-2005-21245> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number.  A supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking, "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, Child Restraint Systems; Anthropomorphic Test Devices (Hybrid III 10-Year-Old and Hybrid III 6-Year-Old Child Dummies)", published on 23 January 2008 at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2008-01-23/html/E8-856.htm> and <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2008-01-23/pdf/E8-856.pdf> was notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/140/Add.1](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/Tbtn05/USA140A1.DOC) and a reopening of comment period published 26 March 2008 at  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2008-03-26/html/08-1072.htm> and <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2008-03-26/pdf/08-1072.pdf> notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/140/Add.2](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/Tbtn05/USA140A2.DOC) are identified by Docket Number NHTSA-2007-0048. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <http://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NHTSA-2007-0048> and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number.  A final rule published 5 August 2008 was notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/140/Add.3](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/Tbtn05/USA140A3.DOC) and identified by Docket Number NHTSA-2008-0137. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NHTSA-2008-0137> and provides access to primary documents. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) by searching the Docket Number.  A notice of proposed rulemaking notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/882](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/TBTN14/USA882.DOC) and a reopening of comment period notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/882/Add.1](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/TBTN14/USA882A1.DOC) are identified by Docket Number NHTSA-2014-0012. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NHTSA-2014-0012> and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) by searching the Docket Number. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 4 January 2021 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/USA/20_6743_00_e.pdf> <http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/USA/20_6743_01_e.pdf> |