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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Department of the Environment Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Canadian Enquiry Point, 200-270 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1P 6N7 Tel.: +1 613 238 3222, ext. 491, Fax.: +1 613 569 7808, E-mail: info@scc.ca
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): Vehicle emissions (ICS: 43.080.01, 43.100, 43.140, 13.040.50)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposed On-Road Vehicle and Engine Emission Regulations.
6.	<p>Description of content: The proposed <i>On-Road Vehicle and Engine Emission Regulations</i> (hereinafter referred to as “the proposed Regulations”) introduce more stringent national emission standards for on-road vehicles and engines and a new regulatory framework under the <i>Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</i> (CEPA, 1999). The proposed Regulations for controlling emissions from on-road vehicles and engines will come into effect on 1 September 2003.</p> <p>Since 1971, progressively more stringent emission standards have been promulgated for on-road vehicles under the <i>Motor Vehicle Safety Act</i> which is administered by Transport Canada. On 31 March 2000, the legislative authority for controlling on-road vehicle emissions was transferred from the <i>Motor Vehicle Safety Act</i> to Environment Canada under the provisions of Part 7, Division 5 of CEPA, 1999. The proposed Regulations will therefore replace the emission regulations previously adopted under the <i>Motor Vehicle Safety Act</i>.</p> <p>The proposed Regulations continue the past approach of aligning with the federal emission standards of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which are generally recognized as the most stringent national emission standards in the world. This approach provides Canadians with significant emission reductions from on-road vehicles and engines at a low additional cost. For most vehicle classes and on a per-vehicle basis, the targeted standards represent an average reduction in the allowable levels of smog-forming emissions of about 90 percent relative to current regulated limits.</p>

	<p>The combustion of fuels to power vehicles and engines contributes significantly to air pollution, which has major adverse impacts on the environment and on the health of Canadians. The proposed Regulations will reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), carbon monoxide (CO), oxides of nitrogen (NOx), particulate matter (PM) and of certain air pollutants that have been listed as “toxic substances” in Schedule 1 to CEPA, 1999 (i.e., benzene, 1,3-butadiene, acetaldehyde, acrolein and respirable particulate matter less than or equal to 10 micrometers or “PM₁₀”) from on-road vehicles and engines and will thereby protect our environment and health. The proposed Regulations will also reduce emission of formaldehyde, a substance proposed for addition to that Schedule.</p> <p>The proposed Regulations apply to persons in the business of manufacturing, distributing or importing on-road vehicles and engines for sale in Canada. They also set requirements for on-road vehicles and engines being imported by individuals.</p>
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the environment.
8.	Relevant documents: Canada Gazette, Part I, 30 March 2002
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Not stated Proposed date of entry into force: 1 September 2003
10.	Final date for comments: 29 May 2002
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: