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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

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

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) (82) 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:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 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): Motor vehicle safety standards: Tire pressure monitoring systems; controls and displays (HS 8703) (ICS 43)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems; Controls and Displays (33 pages, English)
6.	Description of content: This notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) proposes to establish a new Federal motor vehicle safety standard mandating tire pressure monitoring systems capable of detecting when a tire is significantly under-inflated. A prior version of the standard, adopted by the agency in June 2002 in response to a mandate in the Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability and Documentation Act, was vacated by a decision issued by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in August 2003. This NPRM, which is consistent with the Court's decision, proposes to require installation in new light vehicles of a tire pressure monitoring system capable of four-tire, 25-percent under-inflation detection. This proposed rule differs from the final rule also in that it tentatively responds to issues raised in petitions for reconsideration of the June 2002 final rule and proposes to require a TPMS malfunction indicator.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To benefit public health and welfare.
8.	Relevant documents: 69 Federal Register (FR) 55895 16 September 2004; Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 571 and 585. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 15 November 2004

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:

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