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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: CANADA If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Transport Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: National Enquiry Point
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): Tether anchorages
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposed Amendment to the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations (User-ready Tether Anchorages for Restraint Systems – No. 2) (pages 1717-1735; English and French)
6.	Description of content: On September 1, 1989, it became mandatory for all passenger cars to be equipped with tether anchorages for securing the tether straps on restraint systems. An amendment to section 210.1, “User-Ready Tether Anchorages”, of the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations, which governs tether anchorages, was published in the Canada Gazette, Part II, on September 30, 1998. This amendment requires that user-ready tether anchorages must be installed in passenger cars as of September 1, 1999. The amendment also extends the requirement for user-ready tether anchorages to MPVs and trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating of 3 864 kg or less and an unloaded vehicle mass of 2 495 kg or less as of September 1, 2000. Following the publication of the amendment, the Department received some requests for clarification. The Department has studied these requests and as a result is publishing a proposal to amend the requirement to identify a cover over a user-ready tether anchorage by a symbol, to amend the tether anchorage symbol and its minimum size and to correct some typographical errors in some figures.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of Human safety
8.	Relevant documents: Canada Gazette, Part I, 5 June 1999
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Not stated Proposed date of entry into force: 1 September 1999 for passenger cars; September 2000 for multipurpose passenger vehicles

10.	Final date for comments: 4 August 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: