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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: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency (4) Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
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): Spark ignition engines (HS Chapter 8407)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Control of Air Pollution: Minor Amendments to Emission Requirements Applicable to Small Non-Road Spark Ignition Engines and Marine Spark Ignition Engines (8 pages, English)
6.	Description of content: This document proposes to amend provisions of two existing rules applicable to non-road engines. This document proposes amendments to regulations applicable to small spark ignitions (Small SI) engines under 19 kilowatts and proposes specifically to revise the applicability of that rule to certain engines used in recreational applications and to revise the applicability of the handheld emission standards to accommodate cleaner but heavier four stroke engines. This document also proposes to amend regulations applicable to marine spark ignition (Marine SI) engines to provide compliance flexibility for small volume engine manufacturers during the standards phase-in period. Lastly, this proposal contains a minor revision to the existing replacement engine provisions for Small SI and Marine SI engines to address issues that may arise concerning the importation of such engines. No significant air quality impact is expected from these amendments.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Environmental protection
8.	Relevant documents: 64 FR 5251, 3 February 1999; 40 CFR Parts 90 and 91. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force:
10.	Final date for comments: 5 April 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: The text is also available on the Internet at: