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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: Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) (62) 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 [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): Motor Vehicle Safety (HS Chapter 8703) (ICS 43.020 and 43.040).
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Seat Belt Assemblies Proposed Rule (10 pages, English)
6.	Description of content: : In this document, NHTSA proposes to amend the Federal motor vehicle safety standard for seat belt assemblies to redefine the requirements and to establish a new test methodology for emergency-locking retractors. This rulemaking is in response to a petition for rulemaking submitted by a trade association representing manufacturers of occupant restraints. If adopted, the amendments would establish a new acceleration corridor, add a figure illustrating the acceleration corridor, provide tolerance on angle measurements, and employ the same instrumentation specifications currently found in other Federal motor vehicle safety standards containing crash tests.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of Human Life and Health.
8.	Relevant documents: 69 Federal Register (FR) 31330, 3 June 2004; Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 571. 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: 2 August 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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