

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>CANADA</u> 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): Infant and rear-facing child restraint systems and high back booster cushions
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposed Amendment to the Motor Vehicle Restraint Systems and Booster Cushions Safety Regulations (pages 3612-3629; English and French)
6.	<p>Description of content: The <i>Motor Vehicle Restraint Systems and Booster Cushions Safety Regulations</i> (RSSR) set out requirements for add-on restraints for children — rearward-facing infant seats, rearward-facing or forward-facing child seats, booster seats and restraints for disabled persons and for infants with special needs.</p> <p>The Department of Transport is publishing a proposal to amend the RSSR in order to permit manufacturers of infant and rear-facing child restraint systems and high back booster cushions to supply a tether strap with these products. The requirements of the RSSR would also be amended by introducing an additional tether strap hook interface profile drawing.</p> <p>Requirements for instructions and labelling would also be amended to ensure that restraint systems and booster cushions are safely installed in motor vehicles, whether in use or not.</p> <p>The Department does not wish to require that manufacturers recertify all their products when this change comes into force. For this reason, the Department is proposing to amend the test procedure to permit testing to the current or to the new tension values until 31 August 2002. On 1 September 2002 and after that date, manufacturers would have to test exclusively using the new belt and tether values. On that date, changes that the Department intends to propose to the restraint system regulations requiring universal connectors will come into force. These intended new requirements would require recertification at that time.</p>

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: protection of human safety
8.	Relevant documents: Canada Gazette, Part I, 2 December 2000
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } Not stated
10.	Final date for comments: 31 January 2001
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: The electronic version of the Canada Gazette Part 1 can be downloaded at: http://canada.gc.ca/gazette/part1/pdf/g1-13449.pdf