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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u>
2. Agency responsible: Consumer Product Safety Commission (304)
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Balloons, small balls and marbles used by children (HS Headings 9503-9505)
5. Title: Choking Hazards Associated with Balloons, Small Balls and Marbles; Request for Comments and Information (8 pages)
6. Description of content: The Commission is beginning a rule-making proceeding which may result in the issuance of labelling or other requirements for balloons, small balls and marbles to address risks of choking deaths and injuries to children associated with those products. The Commission particularly desires to receive technical and medical data and other information relevant to: (1) the possible need for and potential effectiveness of labelling of balloons or their packaging, games of skill which contain or utilize small balls, and marbles to warn of choking hazards which these products may present to children of all ages; (2) changes in the design and construction of the materials used to produce balloons and possible need to establish a minimum size for children's balls which are not part of a toy or game; and (3) the economic impact of any of the regulatory options discussed in this notice.
7. Objective and rationale: Child safety
8. Relevant documents: 55 FR 26077, 26080 and 26084, 26 June 1990; 16 CFR CH. 11. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10. Final date for comments: 10 September 1990
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: