

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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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 (315)
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): Household substances
5. Title: Requirements for the Special Packaging of Household Substances; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (15 pages)
6. Description of content: The Commission proposes to amend its requirements under the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970, as amended, for child-resistant packaging of certain household substances. The Commission intends to: simplify the current test procedures; ensure that the test protocol produces more consistent results; add a procedure for determining whether the package has been secured adequately by the adults; limit the number of subjects that could be tested by any one tester to no more than 30 per cent of the children or 35 per cent of the adults; limit the number of subjects that could be tested at any one site to 20 per cent of the children and 35 per cent of the adults; and issue guidelines for standardized instructions to be used when testing.
7. Objective and rationale: To reduce the number of poisonings of children.
8. Relevant documents: 55 FR 40856, 5 October 1990; 16 CFR Part 1700. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Not yet determined
10. Final date for comments: 3 January 1991
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: