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NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: UNITED STATES

2. Agency responsible: Consumer Product Safety Commission (318)

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):

Crib toys (HS Chapter 9503)

5. Title: Strangulation Hazards Associated With Crib Toys; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (5 pages)

6. Description of content: The Commission is beginning a rule-making proceeding which may result in the issuance of labelling and other requirements for crib toys to address risks of strangulation to children associated with those products. As used in this notice, the term "strangulation" means asphyxiation due to occlusion of respiration and/or circulation by external compression of the neck. This notice describes some types of crib toys and some risks of strangulation to children associated with those particular crib toys.

7. Objective and rationale: Child safety

8. Relevant documents: 55 FR 42402, 19 October 1990; 16 CFR Chapter 11. 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: 18 December 1990

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body:

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