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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: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (348)
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): Lamps, reflective devices and associated equipment
5. Title: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment (6 pages)
6. Description of content: This Notice reopens rulemaking which would allow daytime running lamps (DRLS) as an item of optional motor vehicle lighting equipment. The Administration is proposing to amend Standard No. 108 so that any lamp on the front of a vehicle, whether or not required by Standard No. 108, could perform as a DRL by automatically operating during daylight providing that its maximum candela output does not exceed 2,600 and that steps are taken to prevent its light from masking turn and hazard-warning signals.
7. Objective and rationale: To ensure that manufacturers may offer DRLS, and that specifications are adopted so that DRLS do not reduce the current level of highway safety.
8. Relevant documents: 56 FR 38100, 12 August 1991; 49 CFR Part 571, will be published in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Effective date of the Final Rule would be 30 days after publication of the Final Rule in the Federal Register.
10. Final date for comments: 11 October 1991
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: