

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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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: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (376)
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): Motor vehicles (HS Chapter 87)
5. Title: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Occupant Crash Protection (4 pages)
6. Description of content: This notice proposes to give the manufacturers of certain trucks and multi-purpose passenger vehicles manufactured to be driven by wheelchair occupants the option of not complying with existing requirements in Standard No. 208, occupant crash protection, for the dynamic testing of the manual safety belts they currently install in front outboard seating positions. It would also give them the option of installing non-dynamically tested manual safety belts instead of complying with requirements that have been issued, but are not yet effective, for the installation and dynamic testing of automatic restraints in those positions.
7. Objective and rationale: To allow persons with disabilities to continue to purchase vehicles for their own operation.
8. Relevant documents: 57 FR 34539, 5 August 1992; 49 CFR Part 571. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: If adopted, the proposed amendment would become effective thirty days following publication of the final rule.
10. Final date for comments: 5 October 1992
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: