

# 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 (382)
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): Buses (HS Chapter 8702)
5. Title: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Bus Emergency Exits and Window Retention and Release (3 pages)
6. Description of content: This notice proposes to amend Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 217, Bus Emergency Exits and Window Retention and Release, to permit non-school buses to meet either the current non-school bus requirements or the new upgraded school bus requirements. This action would also affect obligations of school bus operators under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations issued by the Office of Motor Carrier Standards in the Federal Highway Administration. The regulations require all buses, including school buses, to meet the Standard No. 217 Requirements for Non-School Buses.
7. Objective and rationale: Safety; eliminate the need under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations to retrofit school buses which are operated in interstate commerce and therefore are required by the regulations to meet the current non-school bus requirements in Standard No. 217.
8. Relevant documents: 57 FR 49444, 2 November 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 on 2 May 1994
10. Final date for comments: 4 January 1993
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: