

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: Department of Transportation, Coastguard (383)
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): Boating equipment (HS Chapter 8903)
5. Title: Recreational Boating Safety Equipment Requirements (4 pages)
6. Description of content: The coastguard proposes to change a number of federal requirements and exemptions for carriage of personal flotation devices (PFDS) on recreational vessels. The designs and uses of recreational vessels and safety equipment have changed since the rules were first issued or last revised and some of the requirements and exemptions are no longer appropriate.
7. Objective and rationale: To provide the recreational boating public with clearer and more appropriate requirements for carrying personal flotation devices and promote a safer recreational boating environment.
8. Relevant documents: 57 FR 53410, 9 November 1992; 33 CFR Part 175. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10. Final date for comments: 8 January 1993
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: