

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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### Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

#### NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u>
2. Agency responsible: Department of Transport
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
5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Proposed Amendment to the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations
6. Description of content: The purpose of the amendment to the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations, section 216, entitled "Roof Intrusion Protection", is to reduce the risk of fatalities and injuries during rollovers of vehicles on Canadian highways by requiring the roofs of light trucks and vans to meet a required strength. This amendment will require that new trucks, multipurpose passenger vehicles and buses having a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of less than 2,728 kg. comply with the requirement now applicable to passenger cars, which specifies that their roofs resist a crushing force equal to 1.5 times the GVWR of the vehicle.
7. Objective and rationale: Protection of human safety
8. Relevant documents: Canada Gazette, Part I, 27 March 1993, pages 958-961.
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 September 1994
10. Final date for comments: 26 June 1993
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: