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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 (430)
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):  Brake systems (HS Chapter 8708)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Stability and Control of Medium and Heavy Vehicles During Braking (26 pages)
6.	Description of content: This notice proposes amending standard number 105, hydraulic brake systems, and standard number 121, air brake systems, to require medium and heavy vehicles to be equipped with an anti-lock brake system (ABS) to improve the lateral stability and control of these vehicles during braking. The ABS requirement would be supplemented by a thirty miles per hour braking-in-a-curve test on a low coefficient of friction surface using a full brake application.  The notice also proposes to require an in-cab ABS malfunction lamp and, during a transition period of eight years, an external trailer lamp to warn drivers of non-ABS tractors of trailer ABS malfunction.
7.	Objective and rationale: To increase heavy vehicle stability and control during braking, and thus significantly reduce the deaths and injuries caused when these vehicles jackknife or otherwise lose control during braking.
8.	Relevant documents: 58 FR 50738, 28 September 1993; 49 CFR Part 571. 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: 29 November 1993
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: