

**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>UNITED STATES</u>
2.	Agency responsible: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (441)
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. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): School buses (HS Chapter 87)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Bus Emergency Exits and Window Retention and Release (7 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Agency is proposing to amend the performance requirements for emergency exit windows to allow manufacturers to install windows other than push-out windows in order to meet emergency exit requirements. In addition, this proposal would allow manufacturers to install either two sliding emergency exit windows or an emergency exit door as the first means of satisfying the recently-issued requirements for additional emergency exits on school buses. The Agency is also proposing two alternate means for determining the maximum amount of area that will be credited for all types of emergency exits on school buses.
7.	Objective and rationale: Safety; this proposal would allow and encourage the installation of alternative window designs while maintaining the level of safety afforded by those new requirements.
8.	Relevant documents: 58 FR 63321, 1 December 1993; 49 CFR Part 571 and TBT/Notif.91.97. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: If adopted, the proposed amendments would become effective eighteen months after the date of publication of the final rule.
10.	Final date for comments: 31 January 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: