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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: Mine Safety and Health Administration (31)
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [ ], 2.6.1 [ ], 7.3.2 [X], 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): Respiratory Devices (HS Chapter 9020)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Respiratory protective devices (2 pages)
6.	Description of content: This proposal would remove existing rules for the joint approval of respiratory protective equipment by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), United States Department of Health and Human Services. The existing rules would be replaced by revised approval procedures and technical requirements for respirators being proposed by NIOSH in a separate rulemaking. Removal of existing rules would be contingent upon the NIOSH rulemaking becoming final. Existing provisions for the selection, use and maintenance of respirators at coal mines would be retained and recodified.
7.	Objective and rationale: To update requirements.
8.	Relevant documents: 59 FR 26892; 24 May 1994; 30 CFR Parts 11, 70, and 71. 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: 25 July 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: