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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: Consumer Product Safety Commission (35)
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): Upholstered furniture (HS Chapter 94)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Upholstered Furniture; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Request for Comments and Information (4 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Commission is proposing that a new flammability standard or other regulation may be needed for products of upholstered furniture and for fabrics and related materials used in, or intended for use in, upholstered furniture. The specific risk of fire is from the ignition of upholstered furniture from small open-flame sources. The results of this proposed rulemaking could be the promulgation of a standard or other regulation mandating performance and/or labelling requirements for these products or a voluntary standard that adequately addresses the identified risk of injury.
7.	Objective and rationale: To protect the public against the unreasonable risk of fire leading to death, personal injury, or significant property damage.
8.	Relevant documents: 59 FR 30735, 15 June; 16 CFR 1640. 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: 15 August 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: