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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 (39)
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): Firework devices (HS Chapter 3604.10)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Multiple Tube Mine and Shell Fireworks Devices: Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Request for Comments and Information (5 pages)
6.	Description of content: This Commission is proposing to initiate the process of amending its fireworks regulations for all multiple tube mine and shell fireworks devices. This action applies to all multiple tube mine and shell devices which fire sequentially into the air. One possible outcome of the proceeding would be to amend existing requirements for fireworks devices to ban all multiple tube mine and shell devices, or to ban specific multiple tube mine and shell devices found to present an unreasonable risk of injury. Alternatively, the Commission is also considering whether to amend the fireworks regulations to reduce the risk of injury by (1) requiring additional labelling on these particular devices, or (2) setting design or performance criteria for these devices (by banning devices not in compliance). A final alternative is for the Commission to refrain from issuing a mandatory requirement and encourage the development of a voluntary standard.
7.	Objective and rationale: This proposal would reduce the number of injuries from use of multiple tube mine and shell fireworks devices.
8.	Relevant documents: 59 FR 33928, 1 July 1994; 16 CFR Part 1500. 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: 30 August 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: