

**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: Federal Highway Administration (46)
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): Motor vehicles (HS Chapter 8703)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Automatic Brake Adjusters and Brake Adjustment Indicators (5 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is proposing to require the use of automatic brake adjusters on Hydraulically-braked Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMVs) and air-braked CMVs manufactured on or after 20 October 1993, and 20 October 1994, respectively. The administration is also proposing a requirement for brake adjustment indicators on air-braked CMVs with external adjustment mechanisms manufactured on or after 20 October 1994. In addition, the FHWA requests information concerning the possibility of requiring these devices to be retrofitted to CMVs placed in operation prior to the effective dates of the recent amendments to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) numbers 105-hydraulic brake systems and standard 121-air brake systems.
7.	Objective and rationale: This rulemaking is intended to: Insure that the operational standards for brakes in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations are consistent with the manufacturing standards in the FMVSS numbers 105 and 121, which now require the installation of automatic brake adjusters and adjustment indicators on certain CMVs manufactured on or after these dates; and improve the safety of operation of CMVs by reducing the incidence of brakes that are out of adjustment.
8.	Relevant documents: 59 FR 39518; 3 August 1994; 49 CFR Part 393. 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: 3 October 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: