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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: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (49)
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: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Door Locks and Door Retention Components (9 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Administration proposes to amend Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 206, Door Locks and Door Retention Components, by extending and expanding the Standard's existing side door requirements to the back doors of passenger cars and multi-purpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,536 kilograms (kg.) (10,000 pounds (lb.)) or less, including hatch backs, station wagons, sport utility vehicles and passenger vans. Given the differences between side doors and back doors, the Agency is proposing minor modifications in the performance requirements and test procedures to make them appropriate for back doors.
7.	Objective and rationale: To reduce the likelihood of occupants being ejected from vehicles in real-world crashes and reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries resulting from such ejections by extending and expanding FMVSS Standard No. 206's requirements for door locks and door retention components to back doors.
8.	Relevant documents: 59 FR 44691; 30 August 1994; 49 CFR Part 571. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: The Administration is considering an effective date of the first 1 September that occurs following a two-year period beginning with the publication of a final rule in the Federal Register.
10.	Final date for comments: 31 October 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: