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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: UNITED STATES
2.	Agency responsible: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (188)
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [ ], 7.3.2 [ ], 7.4.1 [ ], Other:
4.	Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Seat belt assemblies for motor vehicles (CCCN Chapter 87.06)
5.	Title: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards - Seat Belt Assemblies
6.	Description of content: This notice proposes to amend safety standard No. 209, seat belt assemblies, to alter the test procedure specified under the "resistance to light" requirements of the standard. This proposed amendment is intended to set out an equivalent strength test for both nylon and polyester webbing materials used in seat belt assemblies. This proposal would change the test apparatus for polyester fibres by replacing the currently required "corex d" filter with a chemically strengthened or tempered soda-line glass filter. The "corex d" filter would still be utilized in testing nylon webbing since it offers the best correlation with actual outdoor results when dealing with nylon webbing material.
7.	Objective and rationale: To improve test procedures used in determining strength and durability of the seat belt webbing material after exposure to sunlight.
8.	Relevant documents: 48 FR 53583, 28 November 1983, 49 CFR part 571. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted
9.	Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: One year after issuance as final rule
10.	Final date for comments: 27 February 1984
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: