NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United States of America  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [1416]  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: [usatbtep@nist.gov](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Motor vehicles; Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Road vehicles in general (ICS 43.020), Road vehicle systems (ICS 43.040). |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** The Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks (515 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are proposing the "Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021- 2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks" (SAFE Vehicles Rule). The SAFE Vehicles Rule, if finalized, would amend certain existing Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) and tailpipe carbon dioxide emissions standards for passenger cars and light trucks and establish new standards, all covering model years 2021 through 2026. More specifically, NHTSA is proposing new CAFE standards for model years 2022 through 2026 and amending its 2021 model year CAFE standards because they are no longer maximum feasible standards, and EPA is proposing to amend its carbon dioxide emissions standards for model years 2021 through 2025 because they are no longer appropriate and reasonable in addition to establishing new standards for model year 2026. The preferred alternative is to retain the model year 2020 standards (specifically, the footprint target curves for passenger cars and light trucks) for both programs through model year 2026, but comment is sought on a range of alternatives discussed throughout this document. Compared to maintaining the post-2020 standards set forth in 2012, current estimates indicate that the proposed SAFE Vehicles Rule would save over 500 billion dollars in societal costs and reduce highway fatalities by 12,700 lives (over the lifetimes of vehicles through MY 2029). U.S. fuel consumption would increase by about half a million barrels per day (2-3 percent of total daily consumption, according to the Energy Information Administration) and would impact the global climate by 3/1000th of one degree Celsius by 2100, also when compared to the standards set forth in 2012. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 83 Federal Register (FR) 42986, 24 August 2018; Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 523, 531, 533, 536 and 537. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.  The Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks, Announcement of public hearings published 24 August 2018 will be notified as Add.1:  [https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-08-24/html/2018-18418.htm](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-08-24/html/2018-18418.htm" \t "_blank)  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-08-24/pdf/2018-18418.pdf> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:**To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:**To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 23 October 2018 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Part 1: <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/USA/18_4658_00_e.pdf>  Part 2: <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/USA/18_4658_01_e.pdf>  Part 3: <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/USA/18_4658_02_e.pdf> |