NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United States of America  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) [1528]  **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 [****X],** **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):** Interior compartments, transport category airplanes; - Other parts of airplanes or helicopters (HS 880330); Quality (ICS 03.120), Accident and disaster control (ICS 13.200), Other standards related to protection against fire (ICS 13.220.99), Aircraft and space vehicles in general (ICS 49.020), Structure and structure elements (ICS 49.045), Passenger and cabin equipment (ICS 49.095), Cargo equipment (ICS 49.120) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Interior Parts and Components Fire Protection for Transport Category Airplanes (23 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The FAA is proposing to amend certain airworthiness regulations for fire protection of interior compartments on transport category airplanes. This proposal would convert those flammability regulations from detailed, prescriptive requirements into simpler, performance-based standards. This proposal would divide these standards into two categories: Those designed to protect the airplane and its occupants from the hazards of in-flight fires, and those designed to protect the airplane and its occupants from the hazards caused by post- crash fires. In addition, this proposal would remove test methods from the regulations and allow applicants, in certain cases, to demonstrate compliance either without conducting tests or by providing independent substantiation of the flammability characteristics of a proposed material. This action is necessary to eliminate unnecessary testing, increase standardization, and improve safety. This proposal includes conforming changes to parts 27, 29, 91, 121, 125, and 135. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * 84 Federal Register (FR) 31747, 3 July 2019; Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 25, 27, 29, 91, 121, 125, and 135:  [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-07-03/html/2019-13646.htm>](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-07-03/html/2019-13646.htm) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-07-03/pdf/2019-13646.pdf>](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-07-03/pdf/2019-13646.pdf) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 1 October 2019 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/TBT/USA/19_3972_00_e.pdf> |