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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) (64) Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
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): Civil Penalties (HS Chapter 8703) (ICS 43.020).
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Civil Penalties (4 pages, in English)
6.	Description of content: This document proposes to increase the maximum aggregate civil penalties for violations of statutes and regulations administered by NHTSA pertaining to motor vehicle safety, bumper standards, and consumer information. This action would be taken pursuant to the Federal Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, which requires us to review and, as warranted, adjust penalties based on inflation at least every four years.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Human Life and Health.
8.	Relevant documents: 69 Federal Register (FR) 32963 14 June 2004; Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 578. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 13 August 2004

- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:**

Internet URLs:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-13056.htm>

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