

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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 (6) 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): Over-the-Road Buses (HS Chapter 8702)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Transportation Vehicles; Over-the-Road Buses (8 pages, English)
6.	Description of content: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board and the Department of Transportation propose to amend the accessibility guidelines and standards for over-the-road buses (OTRBs) to include technical specifications for lifts, ramps, wheelchair securement devices and accessible restrooms, under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Revisions to the specifications for doors, steps, and lighting are also proposed. The specifications describe the design features that an OTRB must have to be readily accessible to and usable by persons who use wheelchairs or other mobility aids.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To ensure that transportation vehicles are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.
8.	Relevant documents: 63 FR 14571, 25 March 1998; 49 CFR Part 38. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force:
10.	Final date for comments: 26 May 1998
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of other body: