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) [2144]  **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 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Electric powered vehicles; Quality (ICS code(s): 03.120); Protection against electric shock. Live working (ICS code(s): 13.260); Electrical and electronic testing (ICS code(s): 19.080); Electric road vehicles (ICS code(s): 43.120) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; FMVSS No. 305a Electric-Powered Vehicles: Electric Powertrain Integrity Global Technical Regulation No. 20, Incorporation by Reference; (51 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) - Consistent with a Global Technical Regulation on electric vehicle safety, NHTSA proposes to establish Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 305a to replace FMVSS No. 305, "Electric-powered vehicles: Electrolyte spillage and electrical shock protection." Among other improvements, FMVSS No. 305a would apply to light and heavy vehicles and would have performance and risk mitigation requirements for the propulsion battery. Relating to a National Transportation Safety Board recommendation, FMVSS No. 305a would also require manufacturers to submit standardized emergency response information for inclusion on NHTSA's website that would assist first and second responders handling electric vehicles. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  89 Federal Register (FR) 26704, 15 April 2024; [Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 571](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/subtitle-B/chapter-V/part-571?toc=1):  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-04-15/html/2024-07646.htm>  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-04-15/pdf/2024-07646.pdf>  This notice of proposed rulemaking is identified by Docket Number NHTSA-2024-0012. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NHTSA-2024-0012/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov). Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders by [4pm](http://time-time.net/times/time-zones/usa-canada/current-eastern-time-est.php) [Eastern Time](https://24timezones.com/time-zone/et) on 14 June 2024 will be shared with NHTSA and will also be submitted to the [Docket](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NHTSA-2024-0012/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.  [G/TBT/N/USA/644 and G/TBT/N/USA/644/Add.1](https://eping.wto.org/en/Search?domainIds=1&documentSymbol=usa%2F644) - Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Electric-Powered Vehicles; Electrolyte Spillage and Electrical Shock Protection identified by Docket Number [NHTSA-2011-0107](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NHTSA-2011-0107/document).  [G/TBT/N/USA/1081 and G/TBT/N/USA/1081/Add.1](https://eping.wto.org/en/Search?domainIds=1&documentSymbol=usa%2F1081) - Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Electric-Powered Vehicles; Electrolyte Spillage and Electrical Shock Protection identified by Docket Number [NHTSA-2016-0029](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NHTSA-2016-0029/document).  [G/TBT/N/USA/1442 and G/TBT/N/USA/1442/Add.1](https://eping.wto.org/en/Search?domainIds=1&documentSymbol=usa%2F1442) - Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Electric-Powered Vehicles; Electrolyte Spillage and Electrical Shock Protection identified by Docket Number [NHTSA-2019-0009](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NHTSA-2019-0009/document).  [Global Technical Regulation No. 20 (Electric Vehicle Safety (EVS))](https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29registry/ECE-TRANS-180a20e.pdf) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 14 June 2024 |
| **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/2024/TBT/USA/24_02632_00_e.pdf> |