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**Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade** 

## NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 28 June 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the <u>United States of America</u>.

Title: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Rear Impact Guards; Rear Impact Protection

Reason for Addendum:	
[]	Comment period changed - date:
[]	Notified measure adopted - date:
[]	Notified measure published - date:
[]	Notified measure enters into force - date:
[]	Text of final measure available from <sup>1</sup> :
[]	Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date:
	Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:
[]	Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from <sup>1</sup> :
	New deadline for comments (if applicable):
[]	Interpretive guidance issued and text available from <sup>1</sup> :
[X]	Other:
	Response to petition for reconsideration
	https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/USA/24_04069_00_e.pdf

**Description:** This document denies a petition, submitted by Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, the Truck Safety Coalition, Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways, and Parents Against Tired Truckers, for reconsideration of a <u>final rule</u> (notified in <u>G/TBT/N/USA/1055/Add.1</u>) amending Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 223, "Rear impact guards," and FMVSS No. 224, "Rear impact protection." The final rule, published on 15 July 2022, upgraded NHTSA's standards addressing rear underride protection in crashes of passenger vehicles into trailers and semitrailers by requiring rear impact guards to provide sufficient strength and energy absorption to protect occupants of compact and subcompact passenger cars impacting the rear of trailers at 56 kilometers per hour (km/h) (35 miles per hour (mph)).

89 Federal Register (FR) 53505, <u>Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 571</u>: <u>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-06-27/html/2024-13957.htm</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

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This response to petition for reconsideration and the final rule notified in <u>G/TBT/N/USA/1055/Add.1</u> are identified by Docket Number NHTSA-2022-0053. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <u>https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NHTSA-2022-0053/document</u> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from <u>Regulations.gov</u> by searching the Docket Number.