



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 (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) [2293]
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], Other [X]: Seeking public input on Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and related regulations that may be obsolete, overly restrictive, or impede new safety technologies.
4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Vehicle safety; Road vehicles in general (ICS code(s): 43.020)
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Request for Comment on Vestigial Vehicle Safety Regulations; (3 page(s), in English) Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/USA/26_00841_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Request for comments (RFC) - In alignment with the Department's ongoing commitment to regulatory reform and the promotion of automotive innovation, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is seeking public comment to identify requirements and test procedures within the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and regulations that no longer serve a functional safety purpose but continue to impose costs, stifle design creativity, or act as barriers to the deployment of new technologies. This request for comment specifically targets technical requirements that hinder the transition to technology-neutral, performance-based standards.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade; Cost saving and productivity enhancement
8. Relevant documents: 91 Federal Register (FR) 2992, 23 January 2026: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-01-23/html/2026-01272.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-01-23/pdf/2026-01272.pdf This request for comments is identified by Docket Number NHTSA-2026-0133. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NHTSA-

[2026-0133/document](#) and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](#) by searching the Docket Number.

- 9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined
Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Provision of comments

Final date for comments: 24 March 2026

[] 60 days from notification

WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](#) by or before [4pm Eastern Time](#) on 24 March 2026. Comments received from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the NHTSA and will also be submitted to the [Docket](#) on [Regulations.gov](#) if received within the comment period. Commenters should provide specific citations and supporting data demonstrating the technical vestigial (obsolete) nature of these standards; prior [RFI submissions](#) need not be resubmitted.

Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:

Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov