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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. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> 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) [2353]
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], Other [X]: This action is notified for informational purposes only; it sets out NHTSA's legal interpretation regarding standalone medium- and heavy-duty engine standards and does not establish binding technical requirements. Any future notice-and-comment rulemaking that modifies existing or introduces new technical requirements will be notified upon publication.
4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Commercial medium- and heavy-duty (MDHD) on-highway vehicles, work trucks, heavy-duty pickup trucks and vans, vocational vehicles, semi-trailers/tractors, and heavy-duty engines; Spark-ignition reciprocating piston engine, of a kind used for vehicles of chapter 87, of a cylinder capacity > 1.000 cm ³ (HS code(s): 840734); Compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine "diesel or semi-diesel engine", for the propulsion of vehicles of chapter 87 (HS code(s): 840820); - Road tractors for semi-trailers : (HS code(s): 87012); Motor vehicles for the transport of >= 10 persons, incl. driver (HS code(s): 8702); Motor vehicles for the transport of goods, incl. chassis with engine and cab (HS code(s): 8704); Special purpose motor vehicles (other than those principally designed for the transport of persons or goods), e.g. breakdown lorries, crane lorries, fire fighting vehicles, concrete-mixer lorries, road sweeper lorries, spraying lorries, mobile workshops and mobile radiological units (HS code(s): 8705); Internal combustion engines for road vehicles in general (ICS code(s): 43.060.01); Commercial vehicles in general (ICS code(s): 43.080.01); Trucks and trailers (ICS code(s): 43.080.10); Electric road vehicles (ICS code(s): 43.120)
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Resetting NHTSA's Fuel Economy Program: Commercial Medium- and Heavy-Duty On-Highway Vehicles and Work Trucks; (6 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_04496_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Interpretive rule - The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is issuing this interpretive rule regarding the scope of its authority to set fuel economy standards for commercial medium- and heavy-duty on-highway vehicles and work trucks. This rule describes NHTSA's authority to set vehicle standards, which does not include the authority to set separate standards for engines. NHTSA will review its existing standards applicable to commercial medium- and heavy-duty on-

	highway vehicles and work trucks for consistency with this interpretation in a separate rulemaking. Pending the rulemaking process, NHTSA will exercise its enforcement authority with regard to affected standards in accordance with the interpretation set forth in this rule.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:	Protection of the environment
8. Relevant documents:	91 Federal Register (FR) 55788, 31 August 2026; Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 523, 534, and 535: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-08-31/html/2026-17756.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-08-31/pdf/2026-17756.pdf This interpretive rule is identified by Docket Number NHTSA-2026-1948. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NHTSA-2026-1948/document and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from Regulations.gov by searching the Docket Number. Relevant notifications: • G/TBT/N/USA/603 • G/TBT/N/USA/603/Add.1 • G/TBT/N/USA/1011/Add.5
9. Proposed date of adoption:	31 August 2026 Proposed date of entry into force: 31 August 2026
10. Provision of comments	Final date for comments: Not Applicable [] 60 days from notification Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov