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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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 (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [1340]

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:

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- 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): Glider vehicle emissions. Air quality (ICS 13.040), Road vehicles in general (ICS 43.020).
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Repeal of Emission Requirements for Glider Vehicles, Glider Engines, and Glider Kits (8 page(s), in English)
- 6. Description of content: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to repeal the emission standards and other requirements for heavy-duty glider vehicles, glider engines, and glider kits based on a proposed interpretation of the Clean Air Act (CAA) under which glider vehicles would be found not to constitute "new motor vehicles" within the meaning of CAA section 216(3), glider engines would be found not to constitute "new motor vehicle engines" within the meaning of CAA section 216(3), and glider kits would not be treated as "incomplete" new motor vehicles. Under this proposed interpretation, EPA would lack authority to regulate glider vehicles, glider engines, and glider kits under CAA section 202(a)(1).
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents:

- 82 Federal Register (FR) 53442, 16 November 2017; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1307 and 1068. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
- <u>G/TBT/N/USA/1011</u> Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles Phase 2 and all subsequent addenda/corrigenda.

9. **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Final date for comments: 5 January 2018

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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