

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NETHERLANDS</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Non-agricultural pesticides (i.e. Biocides)
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Regulation on the Conformance of Sodium Hypochlorite (7 pages)
5.	Description of content: The Regulation is based on Article 9 of the 1962 Pesticide Act which provides for the official conformance of pesticides. This Act regulates the trade in and use of pesticides by means of a set of prohibitions. These are lifted by granting individual conformance or official conformance. The present Regulation contains rules on the composition, use and labelling of sodium hypochlorite. Sodium hypochlorite is a product whose composition and effects are sufficiently known in terms of health, the environment and safety at work. In addition, sodium hypochlorite is also used in industry as a bleaching agent. The usual system of individual conformances in accordance with the 1962 Pesticides Act would for this product lead to a large number of identical conformance, which would place an unnecessary burden on the government (conformances body and inspection) and on industry. Consequently, the present Regulation provides for an official conformance of sodium hypochlorite. Anyone can market and use sodium hypochlorite which meets the present regulations.
6.	Objective and rationale: Public health
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Pesticides Act 1962. Regulation on the composition, classification, packaging and labelling of pesticides.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 1 January 1998

10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 1998
11.	Final date for comments: 13 December 1997 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: National Enquiry Point
12.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: