

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NETHERLANDS</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Transport and Public Works Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification can be indicated if different from above: National enquiry point
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): Motor vehicles belonging to category M1 (private automobiles) which are used as taxis
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Regulation of the Minister of Transport, Public Works and Water Management Establishing Rules for the Inspection of Automobiles (Regulation Establishing Rules for the Inspection of Automobiles)
6.	Description of content: The Regulation on permanent requirements relating to taxis and the Regulation establishing rules for the inspection of automobiles both contain technical requirements relating to private automobiles which are used as taxis (for reasons of legal tradition, these requirements are contained in two regulations, both of which are simultaneously notified). These requirements are supplementary to those requirements with which private automobiles must comply for road licence approval. Both are based on the Decree relating to the transport of persons which, in turn, is based on the Act relating to the transport of persons. The inspection of taxis which are used for the transport of persons as referred to in point 10 is carried out exclusively by the Government Road Transport Department in terms of both acceptance and periodic inspection. Supplementary requirements relate, <i>inter alia</i> , to the information file accompanying the application for inspection and inspection itself, relating to the driver's compartment, electrical equipment, ventilation and heating, (emergency) exits and doors, stairwells passenger seats and storage areas, hand rails, window panes, wheel-chair transportation and lift for wheel-chair passengers.

7.	Objective and rationale: These measures are justified to ensure the safety of passengers.
8.	Relevant documents: Article 159 and 160 of the Decree relating to the transport of persons (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees 1987, 506).
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 19 November 1997 Proposed date of entry into force: 20 November 1997
10.	Final date for comments: 18 November 1997 The Netherlands will proceed to implement the proposed measure after 45 days if no comments or requests for extension of the time-limit have been received from other Members within that time.
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: