

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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>BELGIUM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Economic Affairs Quality and Safety Administration Safety Division Product Safety Service North Gate III Boulevard Emile Jacqmain 154 B – 1000 Brussels Tel: +32 2 206 49 08 Fax: +32 2 206 57 52 Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
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): Products which are not toys in the meaning of Article 1 of Directive 88/378/EEC concerning the safety of toys but which, by their external features, may be confused with toys and could be attractive to children, or which are sold in toy stores or in the toy departments of other stores.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Royal Order Concerning the Safety of Pseudo-Toys
6.	Description of content: Pseudo-toys must satisfy the essential safety requirements as defined in Annex II of Directive 88/378/EEC concerning the safety of toys. The manufacture, import, export, supply, sale, distribution - even free of charge - and rental of pseudo-toys which could be dangerous when used as toys by children, are prohibited.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The marketing of pseudo-toys without sufficient safety guarantees for children and which could cause serious accidents such as, <i>inter alia</i> , poisoning, burns or suffocation. Notifications communicated via the "Consum Alert" system concerning <ul style="list-style-type: none">- lighters (reference: 8028/97, 8008/98, 8009/98, 8010/98, 8011/98),- glass sweets (reference: 8046/96, 8014/97, 8016/97),- key-rings (reference: 8030/97)

8.	Relevant documents: -
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } 60 days
10.	Final date for comments:
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: CIBELNOR