

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 the Interior, Direction générale de la Police générale du Royaume, Police Administrative, Rue Royale 56, B-1000 Brussels. TP: + 32 2 500 21 11 TF: + 32 2 500 24 68 Agency or authority designed 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): Vehicles for the transport of funds, neutralization systems
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Royal Decree Amending the Royal Decree of 28 February 1997 Concerning the Regulations Relating to Certain Methods for the Protection of Transport of Funds (as Amended by Royal Decree of 25 April 1997)
6.	Description of content: Special additional protective measures: - Introduction of special regulations for funds which can be neutralized by means of resistance procedures, in order to avoid intercity transport; - avoidance of long-distance retail transport by motorway, in order to be able to dispense with the need for an escort.

7.	<p>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: In order to provide protection for the transport of funds, the Belgian Government has opted for a strategy which must have a deterrent effect and make attacks on transport vehicles unprofitable and more risky for the perpetrators.</p>			
	<p>Funds transported outside protected premises must be incorporated in a system which makes them unusable in the event of an attempt to steal them.</p>			
	<p>Implementing systems of this type and fitting out the vehicles takes a great deal of time. Certain recent attacks in which three security guards were killed show that the regulations in force are inadequate. Additional security measures are essential to protect the security guards and the public. First of all, it has been decided to extend the escort regulations (intercity regulations) to certain forms of retail transport of funds which could be neutralized. At present, these transport operations are still the most vulnerable. In order to enable the law enforcement services to concentrate on the most vulnerable transport operations, it is also considered necessary to subject the transport of certain low-risk funds, namely those which can be neutralized by a resistance procedure, to special regulations.</p>			
8.	<p>Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Royal Decree of 28 February 1997 concerning certain methods permitting the regulation of the protection of the transport of funds (notifications 97/69 to 72); - Royal Decree of 25 April 1997 amending Royal Decree of 28 February 1997 concerning certain methods permitting the regulation of the protection of the transport of funds (notification 97/467); - Royal Decree of 28 February 1997 concerning the technical characteristics and type-approval of security vans used by security companies and internal security services (notifications 97/69 to 72) 			
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10.	<p>Final date for comments:</p>			
11.	<p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of other body: CIBELNOR</p>			