

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

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

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>THE NETHERLANDS</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Commodity Board for Soft Drinks and Waters <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b> National Enquiry Point – EC WTO TBT Enquiry Point
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Soft drinks and waters
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Third Amendment to the Implementing Decree on a Fee for Handling Extra Items of Returned Packaging 1996.
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The present amendment serves to raise the level of fee for handling extra items of returned packaging with respect to plastic bottles on which a deposit is paid, end the fee with respect to glass bottles on which a deposit is paid, and finally regulate the transition to euros.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> The purpose of raising the fee for handling extra items of returned packaging with respect to plastic bottles and their crates is to make the system whereby supermarkets and drink wholesalers collect extra empty crates more cost effective, since the fact of the matter is that the costs of handling emptying bottles and crates are higher than the fee that has existed until now of NLG 1.0 per crate and NLG 0.5 per half crate. At the same time, the fee for glass bottles is abolished, since it has become clear that there are fewer imbalances with regard to consumer behaviour when it comes to returning empty glass bottles. For the reasons behind the system of granting a fee for handling extra items of returned packaging, see the relevant points in Notification G/TBT/Notif. 96/129.
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Industrial Organisation Act; Ordinance Establishing the Commodity Board for Soft Drinks and Waters; Ordinance on a Fee for Handling Extra Items of Returned Packaging 1996.
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 26 June 2001 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 September 2001
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 7 June 2001
11.	<b>Texts available from:</b> National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: