

# 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.

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| 1. | <b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>BELGIUM</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b> Belgium  |
| 2. | <b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Economic Affairs<br>Quality and Safety Administration<br>Safety Division<br>Product Safety Service<br>Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 16<br>B-1000, Brussels<br>Tel: 32 2 206 49 01<br>Fax: 32 2 206 57 52<br><br><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>   |
| 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> Play areas, premises allocated and equipped by adults for the purpose of games and/or leisure activities, where there is at least one play area component.<br><br>Play area components, products intended for amusement or recreation, designed or manifestly intended for use by young children and/or adolescents, and solely employing human weight or physical force, and intended for use in a temporary or permanent play area. |
| 5. | <b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Royal Decree Concerning the Operation of Play Areas  |
| 6. | <b>Description of content:</b> Operators are responsible for the safety of play areas and the services they offer. A risk analysis is carried out with reference to a list of dangers, and preventive measures are applied. In order to conform with European Safety Standards, the equipment must be in a condition which poses no risks. An inspection and maintenance schedule should be drawn up.  |
| 7. | <b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b><br>The decree explicates and supplements the general requirements laid down by the Consumer Safety Law of 9 February 1994.   |
| 8. | <b>Relevant documents:</b> -   |

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