

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 Economic Affairs 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): Slip netting, lamps, safety netting, wind socks, fire-resistant clothing, mobile storage tanks, piping and hoses of storage tanks, life-saving devices
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: "Further Rules Mining Regulations 1964 and Mining Regulations Continental Shelf Helidecks"
6.	Description of content: This Decree aims to protect the safety of workers on mining installations by prescribing detailed requirements for the helidecks present on these installations and provisions which need to be taken in order to make safe use thereof. The rules are based on the 1964 Mining Regulations and the Continental Shelf Mining Regulations. These Regulations contain a few general provisions which are elaborated upon in these further rules. Section 1 defines the terms relevant to the rules and also stipulates which data must be submitted to the Director-General of the Civil Aviation Authority in order to obtain a declaration stating the effective design of the helideck on the mining installation. Section 2 contains rules regarding the dimensions and location of the helideck. Section 3 contains rules regarding obstacles in the vicinity of the helideck. Section 4 contains rules pertaining the surface and markings of the helideck and the (use of) lighting present on the deck. In addition, a safety net and a wind sock are prescribed. Section 5 contains rules pertaining to the use of helicopters. In these Articles, the tasks of the staff involved in the landing and take-off of helicopters are described. The qualifications and training required for this are indicated as well. Section 6 contains rules on the commissioning, use and inspection of fuel storage tanks and pump installations. Section 7 contains rules regarding fire control and rescue activities. Section 8 contains (exemption) provisions for unmanned mining installations. Section 9 contains final provisions.

7.	Objective and rationale: These measures are justified to protect the safety, health and life of people working in the mining industry.
8.	<p>Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Articles 3, 15, 36ja, 36jb, 36o, 43, 175, 176, 179 and 279 of the Mining Regulations 1964; - Articles 2, 34, 40, 40a, 40b, 45, 78, 135, 137, 139 and 188 of the Mining Regulations Continental Shelf; - Further Rules Mining Regulations Continental Shelf Helidecks, with Explanatory Note (Government Gazette 1993, 233); - Further Rules Mining Regulations 1964 and Mining Regulations Continental Shelf Helidecks, with Explanatory Note (Government Gazette 1995, 186).
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: 28 October 1997</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: 29 October 1997</p>
10.	<p>Final date for comments: 27 October 1997</p> <p>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.</p>
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: