

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 Transport and Public Works 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): Packaging, telecommunications provision, containers (reservoirs)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Regulation Amending the Regulation Governing the Transportation by Rail of Dangerous Substances 1997 (VSG)
6.	Description of content: The VSG consists of the Regulation itself as well as Appendices 1, 2 and 3. Appendix 1 contains the Dutch translation of the RID (Rules governing the international rail transportation of dangerous goods). Appendix 2 contains provisions which apply exclusively to transportation within the Netherlands. Appendix 3 contains no technical regulations but indicates recognized bodies.
7.	Objective and rationale: If the draft to the Regulation contains technical barriers to trade then such measures are justified in the interests of health and for protecting the environment. With regard to foreign products which conform to the requirements, established in the country of origin, Article 1a contains a provision relating to mutual recognition.
8.	Relevant documents: - Appendix 3; - Original Regulation with explanatory note; - Letters dated 18 December 1996 en 7 April 1997.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 11 November 1997 Proposed date of entry into force: 12 November 1997

10. Final date for comments: 10 November 1997

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.

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: