

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 Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment 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): The draft Decree on the Removal of White and Brown Goods relates to the removal of white and brown goods released in the Netherlands following use. White and brown goods are the generic term for electrical/electronic household appliances and office equipment, ranging from coffee-makers and irons through to computers and dishwashers.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Decree on the Removal of White and Brown Goods
6.	Description of content: The draft Decree on the Removal of White and Brown Goods contains a collection and processing requirement for white and brown goods released after use. Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- When a supplier delivers a new product, he will accept a similar product offered to him;- The council is required to collect white and brown goods from households separately;- When a manufacturer/importer delivers a new product to a supplier, he will accept and process a similar product offered to him and will accept and process products offered to him by councils and repair companies. The manufacturer/importer may set up a more extensive removal structure, which he will communicate to the Minister for Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment and which requires approval by that Minister. In addition, a ban has been included on the incineration of products collected or accepted separately and on the availability of fridges and freezers containing CFCs for trading purposes.
7.	Objective and rationale: The objective of the draft Decree is to establish a waterproof removal structure for white and brown goods: to reuse products and materials as much as possible and to remove waste products in such a way as to limit the accompanying environmental risks.

8.	Relevant documents: Environmental Management Act
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } 1 January 1998
10.	Final date for comments: 19 November 1997
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: