

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): Gas meters
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Weights and Measures Regulation on Gas Meters
6.	Description of content: Chapter 1 gives the definitions relevant to this Weights and Measures Regulation and stipulates that the provisions must be taken into account for gas meters in type-approval testing, inspection, re-inspection, testing as specified in Article 16.1 of the Weights and Measures Act, and monitoring. Chapter 2 declares the Annex to the EEC Weights and Measures Regulation on Gas Meters to be almost entirely applicable, subject to a number of amendments and additions. There follow particular provisions relating to electronic devices, electric power supply, diaphragm gas meters, rotary piston gas meters and turbine gas meters. These relate primarily to classes of accuracy, maximum permissible errors, test conditions and indication. Chapter 3 contains general provisions for volume conversion instruments, requirements regarding mandatory labels, requirements for indicators and the maximum permissible errors and test conditions. Chapter 4 contains transitional and final provisions.
7.	Objective and rationale: Insofar as the draft Regulation contains quantitative import restrictions or measures of equivalent effect, these measures are justified in the interests of fair trade and consumer protection. A clause of mutual recognition (Article 2a) has been included for the benefit of products from other states of the European Economic Area which fulfil the requirements set in the country of origin.

8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- (original) Weights and Measures Regulation on Gas Meters (Government Gazette 1989, 81);- EEC Weights and Measures Regulation on Gas Meters (Government Gazette 1978, 117);- Amendment to the Weights and Measures Regulation on Gas Meters (Government Gazette 1993, 152);- Weights and Measures Decision, paragraph 2, Heading D(e) (Government Gazette 1939, 107).
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 28 November 1997 Proposed date of entry into force: 29 November 1997
10.	Final date for comments: 27 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 [] or address and telefax number of other body: