

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): Coatings containing PAH which are used at civil and military airfields as a surface layer for runways and taxiways
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Decree Containing Amendment to the Decree on Coatings Containing PAH. Act on Environmentally Hazardous substances
6.	Description of content: The Decree on Coatings Containing PAH contains prohibitory provisions with regard to the application and handling of coatings containing PAH which do not conform to the composition requirements stated in the Decree. Provision has been made for an exception in the present amendment Decree with regard to the application of certain coatings containing PAH which are used as a surface layer on runways and taxiways at military and civil airfields. Specifically, it appeared that the alternatives for coatings containing PAH which were initially applied did not possess the same functional properties. This therefore jeopardized the safety of civil and military aviation. Circumstances dictate that an interim exception is necessary. The need for said exception will be reviewed again before 1 January 2005.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of the urgent problems where applicable: The Decree on Coatings Containing PAH aims to contribute toward the reduction of PAHs in the environment. The present amendment Decree contains a relaxation which has been issued by safety considerations.
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Decree on Coatings Containing PAH;</li><li>- Act on Environmentally Hazardous Substances;</li><li>- PAH Policy Standpoint.</li></ul>

9.	Proposed date of adoption: 1 March 1998 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 June 1998
10.	Final date for comments: 1 March 1998
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of other body: