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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>BELGIUM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of the Interior Direction générale de la Police Générale du Royaume Police administrative Rue Royale 56 B – 1000 Bruxelles TP: +32 2 500 21 11 TF: +32 2 500 25 29 Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
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): Vehicles for the transport of valuables
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Royal Order on the Technical Characteristics and Approval of Vehicles for the Transport of Valuables Used by Security Firms and Internal Security Services
6. Description of content: Vehicles for the transport of valuables must be approved by the Minister of the Interior, after having received the opinion of the Commission on the transport of valuables. This Order establishes the procedure to follow in order to seek approval. Vehicles for the transport of valuables must possess certain technical characteristics and are checked by the Commission on the transport of valuables of the Ministry of the Interior to ensure that they meet the relevant standards. The Commission will issue a reasoned decision, on the basis of which the Minister of the Interior will decide whether or not to grant a certificate of approval. This Royal Order incorporates the provisions of the Royal Order of 28 February 1997 on the technical characteristics and approval of vehicles for the transport of valuables used by security firms and internal security services. However, a number of the provisions of the previous Royal Order have been refined. The changes mainly concern standards relating to the armour plating of vehicles, their technical characteristics (Article 1), external markings (Article 12), and the power given to the Ministry of the Interior to ensure that vehicles for the transport of valuables comply with the provisions of the Royal Order (Article 14).

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7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To ensure the secure transport of valuables, the Belgian authorities have opted for a strategy which must above all act as a deterrent and result in making any attack on security vehicles more difficult for potential attackers. To improve the security of transport and reduce the risk of attacks on security vehicles, vehicles must be suitably manufactured and equipped to take account of the inherent risk for any vehicle used to transport valuables and of the technical characteristics required to ensure maximum security in every such vehicle. To this end, the Belgian authorities have defined the technical characteristics specific to each type of vehicle used for the transport of valuables.
8.	Relevant documents:
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } 60 days
10.	Final date for comments:
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: CIBELNOR