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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: Ms. Nina Galle Ministry of Justice Boulevard de Waterloo 115 B-1000 Brussels Tel.: +32 2 542-6537 Fax: +32 2 542-7034 Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available) of the 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): The European Commission called Belgium to order on 17 December 2001 for failure to comply with Article 8, paragraph 1, of Directive 98/34/EC of 22 June 1998. The offence, No. 2001/0630, relates to four Royal Decrees of 22 December 2000, published in the Belgian Official Journal " <i>Moniteur Belge</i> " on 30 December 2000. The four draft Royal Decrees currently notified to the European Commission replace the four Royal Decrees which are the subject of the above-mentioned offence No. 2001/0630. The titles of the draft Royal Decrees are identical to those of the Royal Decrees of 22 December 2000. The texts have been supplemented and amended in the light of developments with regard to games of chance in Belgium.
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Royal Decree on the Operating Procedures for Games of Chance Which May Be Operated in Class II Gaming Establishments.
6. Description of content: See point 4.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: See point 4.

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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 and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available, of another body: Belgian Information Centre on Standards and Technical Regulations (CIBELNOR)