

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NETHERLANDS</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries Commodity Board for Feedingstuffs
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Pet feed
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Decree on in-house inspections and controls on the hygienic preparation of pet feed, 1997 (7 pages)
5.	Description of content: Pursuant to this decree companies are required to conduct their own microbiological testing. This may concern Salmonella, Enterobacteriaceae, Yeast/Moulds or growing or testing cultures. The decree sets forth the frequency with which testing is to be carried out. Aside from this, it is important that the laboratories at which the testing is done provide reliable results. For this reason, laboratories must participate in comparative research, carried out by the Agricultural Quality Assurance Laboratories of the Netherlands. The analytical methods to be applied are set forth.
6.	Objective and rationale: Protection of human and animal health
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Industrial Organisation Act Regulation instituting the arable commodity boards Decree on the hygienic production and trade in pet feed 1997
9.	Proposed date of adoption: December 1997
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: December 1997

11. Final date for comments: 10 December 1997

Agency or authority designated to handle comments:

12. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: