

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): The Scheme relates to non-agricultural pesticides as defined in the Pesticides Act (1962). It includes products which are virtually identical to the biocides specified in the draft Directive concerning the placing of biocides on the market.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Scheme Governing Environmental Approval Requirements for Non-Agricultural Pesticides (15 pages, available in English)
6.	Description of content: The Scheme implements Article 3a of the Pesticides Act. In accordance with this Article it is possible to draft general rules regarding requirements for the approval of pesticides to prevent the environment from being adversely affected. This Scheme implements the general rules for non-agricultural pesticides and, as such, forms an addition to the general rules for plant protection products which were laid down previously in the Decree on Environmental Approval Requirements regarding pesticides. The Scheme provides the necessary transparency for the requirements which non-agricultural pesticides are to meet. Such transparency is urgently required.
7.	Objective and rationale: All the requirements aim to protect the environment. Given the advanced stage in the development of a Directive concerning the placing of biocides on the market, requirements contained in the Scheme comply with the common principles of the draft Directive concerning the placing of biocides on the market (OJEC C 69/13). In accordance with these common principles, the Scheme includes requirements regarding water, including ground water, soil, air and non-target organisms present in these areas. Insofar as the common principles will differ from the present common viewpoint upon adoption of the aforementioned Directive, the text of the Scheme will be amended accordingly.

8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pesticides Act 1962;- Decree on environmental approval requirements regarding pesticides.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 20 November 1997 Proposed date of entry into force: 21 November 1997
10.	Final date for comments: 19 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 [X] or address and telefax number of other body: