

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>BELGIUM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Finance Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Ministère des Finances Rue de la Loi 12 B-1000 Bruxelles TP: + 32 2 233 80 91 or + 32 2 210 33 34
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): Ecotaxes
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Royal Order Coordinating Legal Provisions on Ecotaxes
6.	Description of content: The purpose of this draft is to coordinated the legal provisions on ecotaxes, i.e. the ordinary law of 16 July 1993 for completing the federal structure of the State, as amended by the laws of 3 June 1994, 9 February 1995, 4 April 1995, 7 March 1996, 14 July 1997 and 10 November 1997.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Ecotaxes are a tool introduced in Belgian legislation as a preferred environmental protection policy instrument. They have two essential features: - They act as an incentive; - they are the only taxes that can be avoided perfectly legally provided the consumer can easily find a substitute not subject to the ecotax.
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, e-mail and telefax number of other body: CIBELNOR