

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 Transport and Public Works - Department of Road Transport 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): Tools for measuring opacity levels of exhaust fumes produced by diesel engines
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Regulation on Rules for Measuring Devices: Draft Rules Regarding Devices for Measuring Opacity Levels (35 pages in English)
6.	Description of content: The draft regulates the application for type approval and the technical requirements to be met by tools for measuring opacity levels. The requirements are based on requirements existing in other EU member States. Article 6 contains a provision which makes it possible to accept inspections carried out in other countries.
7.	Objective and rationale: At present, there are no requirements for opacity meters in the Netherlands. Regarding the implementation of Directive 92/55/EEC (in particular paragraph 8.2.2 of the appendix) governing the measuring of exhaust fumes during the periodic inspection of vehicles with diesel engines, an additional clause to the existing Measuring Devices Regulation is required. After all, for the proper implementation of the said inspection, it is necessary to establish appropriate and unambiguous requirements for the measuring tools.
8.	Relevant documents: Measuring Devices Regulation - Vehicles Regulations
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 1 October 1996 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 1997
10.	Final date for comments: 25 September 1996
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: