

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 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): Chemical tankers the building of which was completed on or after 1 July 1986, which are used for the transport of hazardous or harmful substances in bulk.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Notice to the Shipping Industry Amending Notice to the Shipping Industry No. 305/1995 (Regulations for Chemical Tankers the Building of which was Completed On or After 1 July)
6.	<p>Description of content: This Notice contains rules for ships which are used for the transport of dangerous or harmful substances in bulk. The rules implement Resolution 4 (48) of the Maritime Safety Commission of the International Maritime Organisation. The International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code) was adopted. This Code is obligatory in Chapter VII of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS Convention) for parties to the Convention. An indicative summary of the technical regulations appears below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Article 1, on the declaration of applicability of the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk;- Article 5, regarding tests to which the ship is subject;- Article 8, regarding further rules for electrical installations;- Article 12, regarding medical oxygen equipment;- Article 13, safety showers on deck;- Article 14, regarding a remote-controlled cut-off, if in actual fact propylene oxide is to be transported (Articles 8 and 14 concern national supplements to the International Code).

7.	Objective and rationale: If the draft Amendment of the Notice contains technical barriers to trade then such measures are justified on grounds of the interests of the protection of public safety. As for foreign products which comply with the equivalent requirements laid down in the country of origin, a provision is included in Article 17 with regard to mutual recognition.
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ships Decree 1965;- MSC Resolution 4(48).
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 19 November 1997 Proposed date of entry into force: 20 November 1997
10.	Final date for comments: 18 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: