

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 Economic Affairs Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall 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): Platina, gold and silver works
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Regulation of the State Secretary for Economic Affairs Amending the Hallmark Regulation Regarding Assay Office Marks
6.	Description of content: The amendment brings the Regulation into line with the current situation of assay offices by omitting the logos of assay offices which are no longer in business. In addition, a new office logo is laid down which is to be used during so-called CCM inspections, the assaying pursuant to the Agreement regarding the examination and stamping of precious-metal works.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: In 1993, provisions were already made in Dutch legislation for the possible entry of the Netherlands into the Agreement regarding the examination and stamping of precious-metal works. In connection with this proposed entry, a simple, internationally recognisable logo is laid down as assay office mark. Insofar as the draft Regulation contains quantitative import restrictions or measures of equal effect within the meaning of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, these measures are justified in the interest of fair trading and consumer protection.
8.	Relevant documents: - Hallmark Act 1986 - Hallmark Regulation
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 1 February 1998 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 March 1998
10.	Final date for comments: 14 January 1998
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of other body: