

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>THE 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 shall be indicated if different from above: National Enquiry Point - EC WTO-TBT 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 draft Decree issues general environmental regulations for companies which are only or mainly used for storage or transport purposes, and the regulations also relate to installations.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Decree on Rules for Establishments Used for the Storage of Goods (Decree on Storage and Transport Companies under Environmental Management).
6.	Description of content: The general rules pertain to pollution caused by noise and vibrations, energy consumption, waste and effluent emissions into the atmosphere, pollution caused by lighting, safety, water consumption and soil research. As a result of these rules, the licensing obligation of Article 8.1 of the Environmental Management Act is lifted regarding these establishments.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The Decree aims to draft rules so as to offer the best possible environmental protection against any adverse effects from establishments. This is based on research which shows that the environmental licence is deemed too heavy an instrument for certain industrial activities with a more limited, often local type of environmental pollution. The burden for both companies and the government is in those cases disproportionate. This Decree meets the urgent demand of the target group to provide general rules.
8.	Relevant documents: Chapter 8, Statute 8.2, of the Environmental Management Act
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } 1 March 1999
10.	Final date for comments: 15 February 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: