

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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 Social Affairs, Public Health and the Environment, General Foodstuffs Inspectorate, Cité administrative de l'Etat - Esplanade, Boulevard Pachéco 19/5, B - 1010 Brussels TP: + 32 2 210 48 43, TF: + 32 2 210 48 33 Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification can be indicated if different from above:
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): Tobacco-based products - packets of cigarettes
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Royal Decree Amending the Royal Decree of 13 August 1990 on the Manufacture and Marketing of Tobacco-Based Products and Similar Products
6.	Description of content: Prohibits the sale of packets of cigarettes containing less than 20 cigarettes per packet.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: This prohibition is justified by the fact that the sales threshold for the purchase of cigarettes by the young is increasing. It will thus make it possible to reduce tobacco consumption among the young.
8.	Relevant documents: Royal Decree of 13 August 1990 on the Manufacture and Marketing of Tobacco-Based Products and Similar Products
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