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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

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| 1. | Member to Agreement notifying: <u>BELGIUM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2): |
| 2. | Agency responsible: Belgian Postal and Telecommunications Institute Avenue de l'Astronomie 14 – Box 21 B-1210 Brussels M. BAERT Tel.: +32 2 226 88 88 Fax: +32 2 226 88 77 Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall 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): Radiocommunications transmitters and receivers. |
| 5. | Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Royal Decree amending the Royal Decree of 15 October 1979 relating to private radiocommunications. |
| 6. | Description of content: The Law of 30 July 1979 establishes the rules governing use of the radioelectric spectrum, and in particular licensing requirements for the possession and use of radiocommunications transmitters and receivers. The Royal Decree of 15 October 1979 is an implementing decree that establishes <i>inter alia</i> the user categories and types of equipment exempt from licensing. It also establishes the licensing fees. The main purpose of this draft amendment is to update the list of categories of equipment exempt from licensing in order to bring it into line with CEPT recommendations and reflect the realities of today's market. The scale of user fees for point-to-point links has also been adjusted to reflect costs more accurately in terms of real and efficient use of the spectrum, having regard to the Institute's workload in coordinating frequencies. |
| 7. | Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: See 6. above. |
| 8. | Relevant documents: - |

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| 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, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: CIBELNOR | |