

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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.

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>THE NETHERLANDS</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management <b>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:</b> National Enquiry Point – EC WTO TBT Enquiry Point
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [   ], 5.6.2 [   ], 5.7.1 [   ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Facilities for improving the field of vision in order to reduce the so-called "blind spot", such as certain mirror and camera/monitor systems.
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Regulation of the Minister for Transport, Public Works and Water Management amending the Regulation on licensing requirements and the Regulation on permanent requirements, in connection with the incorporation of regulations for certain facilities for improving the field of vision in commercial vehicles.
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Regulation contains further requirements that meet the facilities for improving the field of vision that are to be made mandatory in the Vehicle Regulation in order to reduce the "blind spot".  On 18 June 2002, the Netherlands notified [notification number G/TBT/N/NLD/45] its intention to make these facilities mandatory in the Vehicle Regulation as a permanent requirement for all commercial vehicles intended for goods transport that have a maximum permitted weight of more than 3500 kg. It should be pointed out in this context that this obligation will not apply to commercial vehicles registered in another Member State of the European Communities. Notification was at that time also provided of the intention to allow certain width mirrors in the Vehicle Regulation in connection with inspection for first licensing for road use if these reduce the "blind spot".
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> For the reasons behind this, see the notification of 18 June 2002 (G/TBT/N/NLD/45)
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Vehicle Regulation

<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> August 2002 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 September 2002
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> -
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from:</b> National enquiry point [ X ] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: