

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.	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 Health, Welfare and Sports 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: 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): Methods for testing the tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide content of cigarettes and hand-rolling tobacco.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft regulation by the Minister for Public Health, Welfare and Sport, amending the Regulation on methods for testing the tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide content of cigarettes and hand-rolling tobacco (4 pages, available in English)
6.	Description of content: Amendment of the method for testing the tar and nicotine content of hand-rolling tobacco as regards the cigarette paper used for this purpose.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The cigarette paper currently stipulated for the test is described in NEN/ISO 15592-3. The tobacco manufacturers' organisation is of the view that the maximum tar standard cannot be complied with using this cigarette paper. The tobacco and paper industries have jointly developed a type of cigarette paper that, according to the tobacco industry, enables them to comply with the tar standard. This draft Regulation serves to stipulate said type of cigarette paper in place of the cigarette paper defined in NEN/ISO 15592-3.
8.	Relevant documents: Regulation on methods for testing the tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide content of cigarettes and hand-rolling tobacco.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } 1 January 2005
10.	Final date for comments: 1 December 2004
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: http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/tbt