

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>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 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): Preserved wood
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Commodities Act regulation on preserved wood
6.	Description of content: The regulation serves to ensure that private individuals no longer handle or process wood preserved with copper compounds. On the evaluation of wood preservatives as part of an authorization pursuant to the Pesticides Act 1962, the Board responsible for the authorization of pesticides concluded that it is not possible to confirm that certain applications of these agents do not adversely affect the health of the private user or have a detrimental effect on human health. In the light of this conclusion, it is also necessary to prevent wood preserved with these compounds from being imported into the Netherlands.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: See under point 6.
8.	Relevant documents: Commodities Act
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } January 2001
10.	Final date for comments: 4 December 2000
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: