

# 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 Transport, Public Works and Water Management 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): Registration plates
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Planned drawing up of a ministerial regulation amending the APK Approval Regulation and the Regulation on APK Approval Methods.
6.	Description of content: Both Regulations contain provisions intended to ensure that, in connection with the mandatory APK approval of vehicles, it is checked that the registration plates comply with the requirements that apply to these plates.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: This adaptation is connected with the introduction, at the same time as a system of monitored delivery and acceptance of registration plates, of new models of registration plate bearing the European logo. Vehicles subject to mandatory APK approval commissioned before 1 October 1999 must be provided with plates in accordance with the new model on the occasion of the first APK approval after January 2000. The new provisions are intended to ensure that, in connection with APK approval, registration plates are inspected with regard to this aspect and any additionally imposed requirements.
8.	Relevant documents:  - Amendment to the Road Traffic Act 1994 with regard to the delivery and acceptance of registration plates  - Decree of [date] amending Article 5 of the Registration Plate Regulation
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } 1 October 1999

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10.	Final date for comments: 19 June 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [ X ] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: