

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: Commodity Board for Soft Drinks and Waters 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): Carbonic acid cartridges, refillable cartridges for small beer-dispensing taps that can hold between 250 grammes and 1,000 grammes of liquid carbon dioxide.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Second Amendment to the Decree imposing Deposits on Wholesale Packaging 1997
6.	Description of content: The Decree imposing Deposits on Wholesale Packaging defines the wholesale packaging on which companies registered with the Commodity Board must charge the deposit stipulated in the Implementing Decree. Until now, only cylinders and carbonic acid cylinders have come under the scope of the Implementing Decree. The present Second Amendment extends the scope of the Implementing Decree by including carbonic acid cartridges as wholesale packaging.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: In the past, a deposit of fl 250 had to be paid for carbonic acid cylinders that were used to transport or store carbon dioxide and could store no more than 10 kg liquid carbon dioxide. Today, what are known as "party" taps are also available wholesale. These taps use cartridges containing only a small amount of carbon dioxide. The amount of the deposit (fl 250) does not correspond with the cartridge value. The Implementing Decree is therefore adapted, with the present Decree imposing a deposit of fl 50, -- for these cartridges.
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ordinance setting up the Commodity Board on Soft Drinks and Waters- Industrial Organization Act- Ordinance on Deposits on Wholesale Packaging 19997- Decree imposing Deposits on Wholesale Packaging 1997
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 25 November 1999 Proposed date of entry into force: 6 December 1999
10.	Final date for comments: 12 July 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: