

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>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 - Directorate General of Shipping and Maritime Affairs (DGSM) Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification can be indicated if different from above: National 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): Regulations relate to, <i>inter alia</i> , the construction, layout and equipping of sea-going vessels, as well as the correct fastening of cargo on board sea-going vessels.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Order Governing the Amendment of the Shipping Order 1965 (Government Gazette 367) Regarding Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, with Appendices (Bulletin of Treaties 1977, 77), Reassessment of Maritime Safety Regulations and a Number of Technical Changes
6.	Description of content: The regulations contained in the present Order refer to:  (a) Leakage stability of existing roll-on/roll-off passenger ships; (b) safety in large open spaces, such as atriums; (c) fire safety on board existing passenger ships; (d) instructions and exercises when vacating a vessel; and (e) fastening cargo units.  As to subsection (a), the following remark is made. In order to implement the London Agreement and complement the SOLAS Convention, additional requirements have been prescribed in terms of leakage stability (see Article II, Section A, of the Order (pages 6, 7 and 8) and an explanatory note (pages 5 and 6). By reassessing the maritime safety regulations, it is hoped that the regulations current within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which transcend international standards, will be more congruent with international regulations.

7.	Objective and rationale: The purpose of the present Order is to implement a number of binding resolutions of the Maritime Safety Commission of the International Maritime Organisation. It concerns the resolutions 22(59), 23(59), 24(60), 27(61) and 42(64), which amend certain sections of the SOLAS Convention. The reassessment of the maritime safety regulations is based on the new maritime shipping policy which has been laid down recently by the Netherlands.	
8.	Relevant documents: The base texts refer to the resolutions listed under point 7.	
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force:	} As soon as possible after 4 April 1997
10.	Final date for comments: 4 April 1997	
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body:	