

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

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| 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 Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries 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): Trawl-nets |
| 5. | Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Regulation on the Exemption of Trawl-Net Fisheries |
| 6. | Description of content: Pursuant to Article 6c, first paragraph, of the Sea and Coastal Fishing Scheme 1977, it is forbidden to fish with beam trawls using any vessel other than a fishing vessel or to have such fishing gear on board any vessel other than a fishing vessel. Pursuant to Article 7 of the Decision on fishing, the fishing zone, sea area and coastal waters, fishing with any type of fishing gear designed to catch shrimps is forbidden in the fishing zone, sea area and the coastal waters. Finally, pursuant to Article 3, first paragraph, of the Limitation of Catches Scheme, it is forbidden to fish for specific species of fish using trawl-nets, stow nets on stakes, Danish seines or similar nets with vessels other than fishing vessels and to have nets of this type on board a vessel other than a fishing vessel. The present scheme grants exemption from the above fishing bans. In so doing, Regulations are imposed with regard to dimensions and distinguishing marks of the fishing gear to be used. |
| 7. | Objective and rationale: Environment protection (maintenance of fish stocks) and nature conservation. |

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| 8. | Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Articles 6c and 6d of the Sea and Coastal Fishing Scheme 1977;- Article 7 of the Decision on the Fishing Zone, Sea Area and Coastal Waters;- Article 3 and Appendices 2, 3 and 4 of the Limitation of Catches Scheme. |
| 9. | Proposed date of adoption: 27 October 1997 Proposed date of entry into force: 28 October 1997 |
| 10. | Final date for comments: 26 October 1997 The Netherlands will proceed to implement the proposed measure after 45 days if no comments or requests for extension of the time-limit have been received from other Members within that time. |
| 11. | Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: |