

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 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): Hyacinth, tulip, crocus and narcissus bulbs
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Implementation Decree 1990/1 on Quality Standards (Trade Embargo of Flower Bulbs)
6.	Description of content: Article 1, first paragraph, of the Decree prohibits the sale to the consumer of tulips, crocus and narcissus bulbs in the period from 1 January to 1 July. Article 1, second paragraph, prohibits the sale to the consumer of hyacinth bulbs in the period from 1 January to 10 August.
7.	Objective and rationale: Implementation Decree for the protection of the consumer and of fair trade.
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Regulation (EEC) 315/68;</li><li>- Industrial Organization Act;</li><li>- Ordinance establishing the Marketing Board for Ornamental Plants (PVS);</li><li>- PVS Regulation on Quality Standards for Flower Bulbs 1977 stipulating that any infringement is a penal act.</li></ul>
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 2 November 1997 Proposed date of entry into force: 3 November 1997

10. Final date for comments: 1 November 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: