

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 and Public Works 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): Ships transporting bulk cargo, irrespective of tonnage; Ships transporting packaged dangerous substances, irrespective of tonnage.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Notice to the Shipping Industry Amending Notice to the Shipping Industry No. 312/1996 (29th Amendment to the Guide Book on Dangerous Substances and 7th Amendment to the Guide Book on Jettisoned Cargo)
6.	<p>Description of content: This Notice contains rules governing the transportation of dangerous substances. These rules implement the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG-Code) and the Code of Safe Practice for Solid Bulk Cargoes (BC-Code) with the inclusion of all amendments, including the 28th Amendment to the IMDG-Code and the 1996 amendment to the BC-Code, which must be adopted in the Guide Book on dangerous substances and the Guide Book on jettisoned cargo respectively, as adopted during 4th Assembly of the International Maritime Organization. The IDMG-Code regulates the transport of packaged dangerous goods by ships; the BC-Code regulates the transport of bulk cargo by ship. An indicative summary of the technical regulations appears below:</p> <p>Articles 1 and 2.</p> <p>The IMDG-Code, compliance with which is obligatory, contains technical regulations. From the BC-Code, only provisions relating to the provision of information are incorporated in the SOLAS Treaty and which are thereby compulsory on an international level. The remaining provisions must therefore be regarded as technical regulations which are to be notified.</p>

7.	Objective and rationale: If this draft amendment of the Notice contains technical barriers to trade then such measures are justified in the interests of protecting public safety. With regard to foreign products which conform to the requirements, established in the country of origin, Article 3 contains a provision relating to mutual recognition.
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code including the 28th Amendment (MSC/Circ.741) and the Code of Safe Practice for Solid Bulk Cargoes including the 1996 Amendments (MSC/Circ.742);- The Shipping Decree 1965.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 11 November 1997 Proposed date of entry into force: 12 November 1997
10.	Final date for comments: 10 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: