

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: Ministry of Economic Affairs 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 [X], 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): Fluid meters and fluid measuring installations
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Regulation on Technical Regulations for Fluid Meters and Fluid Measuring Installations (Weights and Measures Regulation on Fluid Meters and Fluid Measuring Installations).
6.	Description of content: The national regulations for fluid meters, petrol pumps and L.P.G. measurement installations, which are currently included in the Weights and Measures Regulation on fluid meters, the Weights and Measures Regulation on petrol pumps and the Weights and Measures Regulation on L.P.G. measurement installations, shall be replaced by OIML recommendation R 117, Edition 1995. This OIML recommendation is also declared applicable to measuring instruments for direct mass measuring systems. In this respect, articles 2 to 5 may be considered technical regulations.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: One of the objectives of WELMEC, a cooperative of metrological services of EU and EFTA countries, is to attain voluntary harmonisation of national weights and measures regulations by means of OIML recommendations. This objective is being realised in the Netherlands with regard to fluid meters and fluid measuring installations by rendering OIML recommendation R 117 compulsory in the national inspection scheme. By also declaring the Weights and Measures Decree to be applicable to measuring instruments for direct mass measuring systems, these measuring instruments can also be inspected on the basis of the OIML-recommendation. As a result, it is unnecessary to apply for exemption. Insofar as the draft regulation contains quantitative import restrictions or measures of equivalent effect, these measures are justified in the interest of fair trade and consumer protection.

8.	Relevant documents: Weights and Measures Act Weights and Measures Decree Weights and Measures Regulation on fluid meters Weights and Measures Regulation on petrol pumps Weights and Measures Regulation on L.P.G. measurement installations
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 1 August 1998 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 October 1998
10.	Final date for comments: 1 July 1998
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of other body: