

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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: Commodity Board for Soft Drinks and Waters 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 [], 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): Soft drinks and waters
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: First Amendment to the Implementing Decree on the Deposit System for Soft Drinks and Waters 1997
6.	Description of content: The "Implementing Decree on Deposits for Soft Drinks and Waters" defines the packaging for soft drinks and waters for which the companies registered with the Commodity Board must charge deposits as established in this Implementing Decree. Thus far, only box containers, crates and single-use and returnable glass and/or plastic bottles are covered by the Implementing Decree. The scope of the Implementing Decree is broadened by means of the first amendment to include moveable containers for soft drinks and waters called the "Dolly/Tray unit". This is a moveable facility on wheels for soft drinks and waters (the Dolly) which contains five trays in which bottles are placed.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: In addition to familiar, traditional crates, a number of supermarkets have experimented with a new device for moving bottles for soft drinks and waters which can be rolled into and out of stores – the so-called Dolly/Tray unit. Given that no set deposit has been regulated for this unit, the Implementing Decree establishes a uniform deposit system and amount.
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Implementing Regulation of the Soft Drinks and Waters Commodity Board;- Industrial Organization Act;- Deposit Ordinance 1997 on Soft Drinks and Waters;- Implementing Decree 1997 on Deposits for Soft Drinks and Waters.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 24 November 1998 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 1998
10.	Final date for comments: 16 September 1998
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: