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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

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

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>BELGIUM</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b> Belgium
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of the Interior Directorate-General of Police Administrative Police Rue Royale 56 B-1000 Brussels Tel: +32 2 500 21 11 Fax: + 32 2 500 25 29  <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [   ], 5.6.2 [   ], 5.7.1 [   ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Protection systems: approved technological system which follows the protected transport of funds permanently and allows unusual situations to be detected and, where appropriate, the neutralization of the valuables or making them useless.
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Ministerial Order on the Approval Procedure for Protection Systems for Valuables.
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The protection systems mentioned here must be approved by the Ministry of the Interior following an opinion from the Commission on the transport of valuables. This Order lays down the procedure to be followed in order to obtain approval. The system will be assessed on the basis of the results of the tests carried out by impartial laboratories showing that the system and its components meet all the criteria laid down. The results of these tests will be contained in the technical note attached to this Order.  This draft Ministerial Order incorporates the provisions of the Ministerial Order of 3 March 1997 on the Approval Procedure for Protection Systems for Valuables, which was already notified to the European Commission. A certain number of provisions have, however, been adapted. The amendments to the Ministerial Order concern the software used to set the parameters for the use of the container (Article 3, 4°), the manufacturer's obligation to have an analysis undertaken by an approved laboratory of the risks of use of the system for workers (Article 4, paragraph 2) and the possibility for the Ministry of the

6.	<p><b>Description of content: (cont'd)</b> Interior to be able to test a protection system already on the market to check its conformity with the prototype presented to the Commission (this provision is equivalent to that laid down by Article 2§2, paragraph 7, of the Royal Order of 23 April 1999 on the Approval Procedure for Alarm Systems and Emergency Centres covered by the Law of 10 April 1990).</p> <p>Finally, the amendments contained in the technical note aim to eliminate the hypersensitivity of certain systems.</p> <p>The technical note reiterates all the provisions in the technical note attached to the Ministerial Order of 3 March 1997. This technical note was already notified to the European Commission in 1997.</p>
7.	<p><b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b></p> <p>In order to protect the transport of valuables, the Belgian Government has opted for a strategy which, firstly, must act as a deterrent and make any attack on security vehicles unprofitable and, at the same time, increasingly risky for the attackers. The Belgian Government intends to achieve this objective through the use of "approved protection systems". Valuables which, by their nature, may be neutralized (usually the valuables liable to attack) are incorporated in a system that makes them unusable if attempts are made to seize them.</p>
8.	<p><b>Relevant documents:</b> -</p>
9.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b>                      }</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b>                } 60 days</p>
10.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Texts available from:</b> National enquiry point [ X ] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: CIBELNOR</p>