

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: Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries 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): Animals and plants of protected indigenous and non-indigenous animal and plant species and products of these animals and plants.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Decree on Designation of Animal and Plant Species Under the Flora and Fauna Act.
6.	Description of content: In this Decree, protected indigenous animal and plant species are designated in connection with articles 3 and 4 of the Act. In the case of animals and plants belonging to these species, the trade bans referred to in Article 13 of the Act apply, among others. Furthermore, domesticated animals of certain species are precluded from the protection that they enjoy under the Act. At the same time, one plant species pursuant to Article 14 para. 3 of the Act is designated to which a trade ban applies owing to the danger that this species poses for protected indigenous flora and fauna.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of animals and plants living in the wild.
8.	Relevant documents: Flora and Fauna Act, in particular articles 3, 4, 5, 13 and 14, para. 3 of that Act.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 1 January 2001 Proposed date of entry into force: 2 January 2001
10.	Final date for comments: 6 August 2000
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: