

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 Finance 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): Police cars and motorbikes, fire engines and fire brigade motorbikes and animal ambulances
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Amendment to the Implementation Decree on the Taxation of Passenger Cars and Motorcycles 1992
6.	<p>Description of content: The Implementation Decree contains a detailed description of police cars and motorbikes, fire engines and fire brigade motorbikes and animal ambulances for the benefit of refunds of the tax on passenger cars and motorcycles. The Dutch Government considers that the draft Regulation referred to in point 5 probably contains technical regulations in the sense of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade. An indicative summary of the technical regulations is given below.</p> <p>Article 6(b) states the requirements set for police cars or motorbikes: two-tone horn, blue rotating or flashing light and police logo on both sides.</p> <p>Article 7.1(b) states the requirements set for fire engines or fire brigade cars: two-tone horn, blue rotating or flashing light and fire brigade emblem or municipal coat-of-arms with an area of at least 314 cm² on both sides.</p> <p>Article 12 states the requirements set for animal ambulances: yellow rotating or flashing light, designations of at least 1,960 cm² on a white background of at least 4,500 cm² at least on both sides, a mobile phone system or comparable system and provision for the transport and care of sick or injured animals.</p>

7.	Objective and rationale: The Dutch Government considers that these measures are justified to protect branches in the field of public interest, safety and public health (police, fire brigade, veterinary medicine). With regard to the demarcation of the groups of vehicles to which this Regulation applies, this is in line with existing legislation relating to police cars and motorbikes, fire engines and fire brigade motorbikes and animal ambulances.
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Law on the Taxation of Passenger Cars and Motorcycles 1992;- Implementation Decree on the Taxation of Passenger Cars and Motorcycles 1992.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 28 October 1997 Proposed date of entry into force: 29 October 1997
10.	Final date for comments: 27 October 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: