

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 Transport and Public Works 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): Category M2 and M3 motor vehicles
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Regulation Establishing Rules for the Inspection of Buses
6.	Description of content: The Regulation on Permanent Requirements Relating to Buses and the Regulation Establishing Rules for the Inspection of Buses both contain technical requirements relating to buses (for reasons of legal tradition, these requirements are contained in two Regulations, both of which are simultaneously notified). Both are based on the Decree relating to the transport of persons which, in turn, is based on the Act relating to the transport of persons. To conform to these requirements, buses are periodically and individually inspected by the Government Road Transport department. These requirements and this inspection are supplementary to the normal single type approval. Supplementary requirements relate, <i>inter alia</i> , to the information file accompanying the application for inspection and inspection itself, relating to the driver's compartment, fire protection, electrical equipment, ventilation and heating, (emergency) exits and doors, stairwells, passenger seats and storage areas, hand rails, window panes, wheel chair transportation and lift for wheel chair passengers.
7.	Objective and rationale: These measures are justified to ensure the safety of passengers using buses.

8.	Relevant documents: Article 159 of the Decree relating to the transport of persons (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees 1987, 506).
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 19 November 1997 Proposed date of entry into force: 20 November 1997
10.	Final date for comments: 18 November 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: