

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): Heavy equipment on board ocean-going ships
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Notice to the Shipping Industry Amending Notice to the Shipping Industry No. 288/1992 (Operational and General Requirements for Heavy Equipment)
6.	Description of content: This Notice contains rules governing operational and general requirements for heavy equipment. These requirements are based on Standards IEC 945 adopted by the European Committee for Electrical Standardization in January 1989 (harmonization document No. HD 552 S1) and IEC 1023 (harmonization document No. HD 600 S1). These IEC Standards are based on and conform to Resolutions A.478(XII) and A.694(17) adopted by the International Maritime Organization Assembly. An indicative summary of the technical regulations appears below: Article 2.  The content of this Notice conforms to Notice to the Shipping Industry No. 67/1992.
7.	Objective and rationale: If the draft Amendment of the Notification contains quantitative import restrictions or measures of equal effect within the meaning of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade then such measures are justified in the interests of protecting public safety. With regard to foreign products which conform to the requirements, established in the country of origin, Article 4 contains a provision relating to mutual recognition.

8.	Relevant documents: Shipping Decree 1965 IMO Resolutions A. 478(XII) and A. 694(17). No explanatory note was appended to the original Notice.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 27 November 1997 Proposed date of entry into force: 28 November 1997
10.	Final date for comments: 26 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: