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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.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>BELGIUM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Justice, Administration of Penal and Human Rights Legislation Weapons Department Boulevard de Waterloo 115 B-1000 Brussels Tel: +32 2 542 67 92 Fax: +32 2 542 67 67 Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
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): Security locks
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Royal Decree Amending Royal Decree of 24 April 1997 on the Security Measures to be Taken for the Stockpiling, Storage and Collection of Firearms and Ammunition.
6.	Description of content: The current text of the Royal Decree obliges suppliers of arms, inter alia, to install security locks in keeping with a Dutch standard and Dutch quality brands which are practically unavailable on the market. Therefore, a more precise and practical description of the purpose of these locks is given. In addition, the time frame for installing the locks has been extended by four months, as it would normally have expired on 15 May 1998. We know for a fact that there are locks currently available on the market which fulfil the new criteria.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The obligation placed on arms suppliers by the current Royal Decree is impossible to carry out by 15 May 1998 and therefore the Decree should be amended to reflect the reality.
8.	Relevant documents: -

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9.	Proposed date of adoption: }	60 days
	Proposed date of entry into force: }	
10.	Final date for comments:	
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [x] or address, e-mail and telefax number of other body: CIBELNOR	