

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>BELGIUM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2): Belgium
2.	Agency responsible: Walloon Government Ministry of The Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Place des Célestines 1 B 5000 NAMUR Tel: +32 81 23 41 11 Fax: +32 81 23 41 22 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): The list of materials concerned is contained in the Annex to the draft Order.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Order Establishing a List of Materials that May be Treated as "Products"
6.	Description of content: Under Article 3 of the Decree of 27 June 1996 on waste, the Government is empowered to establish regulations governing the production of materials that may be treated as "products" and to encourage, under the conditions which it specifies, their use in specified processes. The Government sets out the list of materials and utilization processes mentioned in paragraph 1. The Government specifies the circumstances in which such materials are produced, their characteristics, and how they may be utilized.

6.	Description of content: (cont'd)
	<p>The Government may require producers or stockers of certain materials mentioned in paragraph 1 to keep stock accounts of them and inform the Government of their destination and use. It may subject certain materials mentioned in paragraph 1 to a certificate of use. It lays down the procedures for doing so. The foregoing is the subject of the draft Order adopted on first reading by the Government. Four major areas of use are specified in the draft:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Civil engineering works; (2) fertilizers and soil conditioners; (3) inputs for the manufacture of finished products; (4) animal feed.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The purpose of Article 3 of the Decree on waste and its implementing Order is to prevent and reduce waste production and to reclaim waste in the broad sense by laying down the conditions it must meet so as no longer to fall within the definition of waste. It lays down utilization standards permitting the use of certain materials on an environmentally safe basis as well as the conservation of natural resources.
8.	Relevant documents: -
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } 60 days
10.	Final date for comments: -
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: CIBELNOR