

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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>THE NETHERLANDS</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall 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): Dynamically supported craft, pipe-laying barges, crane barges, dredgers, mobile offshore drilling units and ships not propelled by mechanical means, for which the building contract is concluded on or after 1 January 2000
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Notice to the Shipping Industry No. 324/1999 Amending Notice to the Shipping Industry No. 213/1987 on Specifications Concerning Noise Levels on Board Ships (Official Gazette 132) (Extending the Scope).
6. Description of content: Notice to the Shipping Industry No. 213/1987 contains specifications concerning noise levels on board ships and implements the Code on noise levels on board ships established by the General Assembly of the International Maritime Organisation on 19 November 1981 by Resolution A.468(XII). The present notice expands the scope of the appendix to the Notice to the Shipping Industry No. 213/1987 to such an extent that the specifications of this appendix also become applicable to dynamically supported craft, pipe-laying barges, crane barges, dredgers, mobile offshore drilling units and ships not propelled by mechanical means, for which the building contract is concluded on or after 1 January 2000.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The present notice has been established with a view to protecting the health of crew and the safety of the shipping industry. For the benefit of foreign products which meet equivalent requirements, laid down in the country of origin, the Notice to the Shipping Industry No. 213/1987 contains a clause of mutual recognition.
8. Relevant documents: Regarding the Notice to the Shipping Industry No. 213/1987, see notification G/TBT/Notif. 97.509.

9.	Proposed date of adoption: 6 December 1999 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2000
10.	Final date for comments: 1 December 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: