

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: Commodity Board for Soft Drinks and Waters Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: National Enquiry Point - EC WTO-TBT 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): Soft drinks and waters
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Second Amendment to the Implementation Decree on Deposits for Soft Drinks and Waters 1998
6.	Description of content: The Implementation Decree on Deposits for Soft Drinks and Waters 1998 renders the charging of deposits for glass and plastic bottles compulsory. This therefore also applies to single-use glass bottles. The "Second Amendment to the Implementation Decree on Deposits for Soft Drinks and Waters 1998" aims to drop the obligation to charge deposits for single-use glass bottles.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The Amendment to the Implementation Decree repeals the obligation to charge deposits for single-use glass bottles used for soft drinks and waters. In fact, such an obligation has not applied for a long time, although, by law, the deposit obligation still applies to single-use glass bottles. However, should they so request, manufacturers, importers or wholesalers may be granted exemptions from this obligation without any verification, based on the provisions contained in the "Delegation Decree on Exemptions Regarding Single-Use Glass Bottles 1998" (notified under G/TBT/Notif.97.41). On account of the present Amendment to the Implementation Decree, companies no longer need to apply for exemptions from charging deposits for single-use glass bottles, since the obligation to charge deposits will be repealed when this Decree enters into effect.
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Industrial Organization Act;- Establishment Regulation;- Deposit Regulation from the Soft Drinks and Waters Commodity Board;- Implementation Decree on Deposits for Soft Drinks and Waters 1997.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 22 June 1999 Proposed date of entry into force: 5 July 1999
10.	Final date for comments: 7 April 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: