The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: NETHERLANDS

2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Public Health and Environmental Protection

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [ ], 7.3.2 [ ], 7.4.1 [ ], Other:

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Cigarettes and cigarette tobacco

5. Title: Cigarettes and Cigarette Tobacco (trade descriptions) Decree (Commodities Act); Decree implementing Article 1(2) of the Cigarettes and Cigarette Tobacco (trade descriptions) Decree (Commodities Act).

6. Description of content: The Cigarettes and Cigarette Tobacco (trade descriptions) Decree (Commodities Act) contains provisions on the description of the commodities in question in the interest of public health. The Decree lays down that the tar and nicotine content must be stated on the packaging of cigarettes and that a warning to the consumer must be placed on the packaging of cigarettes and cigarette tobacco. The Decree implementing Article 1(2) of the Cigarettes and Cigarette Tobacco (trade descriptions) Decree (Commodities Act) relates to the method of establishing the tar and nicotine content of cigarettes.

7. Objective and rationale: Protection of public health.

8. Relevant documents: The Cigarettes and Cigarette Tobacco (trade description) Decree was published in the Netherlands "Staatsblad" 1981, 329. The Decree implementing Article 1(2) will be published in the Netherlands "Staatscourant".

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: 1 March 1982, but 1 June 1982 for commodities already in the market on the former date.

10. Final date for comments: 1 November 1981

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: